



Forty-First Annual Report

OF THE

TOWN OFFICERS

OF THE

TOWN OF HOPEDALE

FOR THE

Year Ending December 31, 1926

MILFORD, MASS.

THE CHARLESCRAFT PRESS, PRINTERS.

TOWN OFFICERS.

SELECTMEN.

CHARLES F. AUSTIN, Term expires 1927.

*EDWIN A. DARLING, Term expires 1928.

ASA A. WESTCOTT, Term expires 1929.

Overseers of Poor,

Board of Health and Fence Viewers.

(*EDWIN A. DARLING), CHARLES F. AUSTIN, ASA A. WESTCOTT.

Town Clerk.

WM. H. JORDAN.

Treasurer.

WM. H. JORDAN.

Tax Collector.

EUGENE S. NEWHALL.

Auditor.

ALFRED A. LOVEJOY, JR.

Assessors.

EDWIN A. DARLING, Term expires 1927.

WM. W. KNIGHTS, Term expires 1928.

GEORGE W. LUNT, Term expires 1929.

School Committee.

JOSEPH L. REMINGTON, Term expires 1927.

FRANK J. DUTCHER, Term expires 1928.

HARRRIET B. SORNBORGER, Term expires 1929.

* Resigned August 17, 1926.

Trustees of Public Library.

WALLACE I. STIMPSON, Term expires 1927.

HARRY A. BILLINGS, Term expires 1928.

ANNA M. BANCROFT, Term expires 1929.

Road Commissioners.

DANA OSGOOD, Term expires 1927.

CHARLES E. PIERCE, Term expires 1928.

G. RUSSELL GOFF, Term expires 1929.

Park Commissioners.

FRANK J. DUTCHER, Term expires 1927.

FREDRIC E. DOUGLAS, Term expires 1928.

FRANK S. CLARK, Term expires 1929.

Constables.

ARCHIBALD E. BECK,

LEON A. WRIGHT,

SAMUEL E. KELLOGG,

ASA A. WESTCOTT,

LEWIS W. BARROWS.

Tree Warden.

FRANK S. CLARK.

OFFICERS APPOINTED BY SELECTMEN.

Finance Committee.

FRANK J. DUTCHER, Term expires 1927.

B. H. BRISTOW DRAPER, Term expires 1927.

WALLACE I. STIMPSON, Term expires 1927.

EBEN S. DRAPER, Term expires 1928.
 G. RUSSELL GOFF, Term expires 1928.
 EDWIN A. DARLING, Term expires 1928.

C. FRED BUTTERWORTH, Term expires 1929.
 HARRY A. BILLINGS, Term expires 1929.
 ASA A. WESTCOTT, Term expires 1929.

Engineers of Fire Department.

SAMUEL E. KELLOGG, Chief.
 ALFRED W. LAMB, 1st Assistant.
 FRED G. CROCKETT, 2nd Assistant.

Clerk to Engineers.

WILLIAM FERGUSON.

Police Officers.

S. E. KELLOGG, Chief.

CHAS. F. AUSTIN,	W. E. SWEET,	A. LeROY SAUNDERS,
W. G. AUSTIN,	ALBERT E. BONIN,	THOMAS McNEVIN,
GEO. BAILEY,	WALTER F. DURGIN,	A. J. NEWELL,
LEWIS BARROWS,	J. P. DURGIN,	W. N. PRENTISS,
W. H. BARNEY,	GEORGE FULLER,	F. W. REDGRAVES,
O. W. BEIRSDORF,	WARREN F. GASKILL,	E. A. SHERMAN,
H. E. BROWN,	JOS. W. GIBBS,	JOHN SMART,
W. FRED BURRILL,	J. W. HICKS,	ROY E. WESTCOTT,
F. S. CLARK,	J. H. HOLBROOK,	CHAS. W. WHEELER,
WM. H. COX,	GEO. W. JENKINS,	FRED A. WHITNEY,
GEO. E. DRAPER,	A. W. LAMB,	LEON HAMMOND,
ROY ADAMS,	THOMAS McDONALD,	CHAS. A. MALMQUEST,
ROSS LOOK,	REUBEN J. EVANS,	ERNEST LENHART,
T. S. WILSON,	WALTER R. MEADE,	MILLARD J. MACUEN,
H. J. BAUM,	DAVID LESCOE,	GEORGE WILSON,

Forest Warden.

SAMUEL E. KELLOGG.

Measurers of Lumber.

BENJAMIN L. HODGDON, JOHN R. BELL.

Measurers of Wood and Bark.

W. H. BARNEY,	WALTER F. DURGIN,	ROY E. WESTCOTT,
FRANK S. CLARK,	A. A. WESTCOTT,	IRVING R. EATON,
	R. J. EVANS.	

Public Weighers.

W. H. BARNEY,	JOHN L. ENOS,	ROY E. WESTCOTT,
WM. M. COLE,	AGNES M. CONLIN,	C. S. HOWARD,
IRVING R. EATON,	A. A. WESTCOTT,	EDWIN N. KINSLEY,
	R. J. EVANS.	

Weighers of Coal.

W. H. BARNEY,	R. J. EVANS,	IRVING R. EATON.
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Field Drivers.

CLAYTON GASKILL, CHARLES H. HALLIER, ASA A. WESTCOTT.

Inspector of Animals.

ALFRED W. LAMB.

Inspector of Slaughtering.

ALFRED W. LAMB.

Scaler of Weights and Measures.

CHARLES W. WHEELER.

Town Counsel.

WENDELL WILLIAMS.

Assistant Assessors.

ALTA L. LUNT,

GRACE B. MACUEN.

Burial Agent of Deceased Soldiers and Sailors.

*EDWIN M. WHEELOCK.

Agent of Board of Health to Sign Burial Permits.

WM. H. JORDAN.

Registrars of Voters.

HENRY MARKHAM, Term expires 1927.

W. H. GRAYSON, Term expires 1928.

CHARLES A. FORSTER, Term expires 1929.

WM. H. JORDAN, Clerk.

Dog Officer.

LEWIS W. BARROWS.

Superintendent of Gypsy and Brown Tail Moth Extermination.

FRANK S. CLARK.

APPOINTED BY SCHOOL COMMITTEE.*Superintendent of Schools.*

CARROLL H. DROWN.

* Deceased, May 21, 1926.

Truant Officers.

WARREN F. GASKILL,

WILBER E. SWEET,

JOS. W. GIBBS,

JOHN H. HOLBROOK,

LEWIS W. BARROWS, SAMUEL E. KELLOGG,

ERNEST LENHART.

School Physician.

C. C. WEYMOUTH, M. D.

School Nurse.

MARIE A. COSSETTE, R. N.

 APPOINTED BY PUBLIC LIBRARY TRUSTEES.
Librarian.

WALTER R. MEADE.

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TOWN CLERK'S REPORT.

Town Records.

TOWN WARRANT.

COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS.

Worcester, ss.

To either Constable of the Town of Hopedale, in said County,
Greeting:

In the name of the Commonwealth aforesaid, you are hereby required to notify and warn the inhabitants of said Town, qualified by law to vote in Town affairs, to meet at the Town Hall, on Monday, the first day of March next, punctually at 9 o'clock in the forenoon (the polls may be closed at 1 o'clock in the afternoon on said day of meeting), to act upon the following articles, namely:

Article 1. To choose a Moderator to preside at said meeting.

Article 2. To choose all necessary town officers for the ensuing year, including the following officers: Town Clerk, Treasurer, Collector, Auditor, Selectman for three years; Road Commissioner for three years; Assessor for three years; one member of the School Committee for three years; five Constables, one Trustee of Public Library for three years; one Park

Commissioner for three years, and one Tree Warden for one year.

Article 3. To hear and act upon the report of the Selectmen, Overseers of the Poor, School Committee, Engineers of the Fire Department, and any other officers and committees of said Town.

Article 4. To raise and appropriate, or appropriate from any surplus or available funds in the treasury, such sum or sums of money as may be deemed necessary to defray Town charges for the ensuing year.

Article 5. To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Treasurer, with the approval of the Selectmen, to borrow money in anticipation of the revenue of the current financial year.

Article 6. To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Treasurer, with the approval of the Selectmen, to borrow money on or after January 1, 1927, in anticipation of the revenue of the Financial year beginning January 1, 1927.

Article 7. To see if the Town will raise and appropriate two hundred and twenty dollars (\$220.00) towards defraying the expenses of Memorial Day.

Article 8. To see what disposition the Town will make of money refunded from the County on account of the dog tax.

Article 9. To see what compensation the Town will allow the Collector of Taxes for his services.

Article 10. To see what date, if any, not later than October 15th, the Town will fix, upon which taxes shall be payable.

Article 11. To see if the Town will authorize the Selectmen to take charge of all legal proceedings for or against the Town.

Article 12. To see what sum of money the Town will raise and appropriate to be expended for the suppression of the Gypsy and Brown Tail Moths.

Article 13. To see if the Town will authorize the purchase of a combination pump for fire protection purposes, and raise and appropriate money therefor, or take any action in relation to the foregoing.

Article 14. To see if the Town will vote to accept all deeds or conveyances made to the Town and duly recorded.

And you are hereby directed to serve this Warrant by posting up attested copies thereof in at least four public places in said Town, seven days at least before the time set for said meeting.

Hereof fail not, and make due return of this Warrant, with your doings thereon, to the Clerk of said Town, at the time of meeting aforesaid.

Given under our hands at Hopedale, this 17th day of February, A. D. 1926.

E. A. DARLING,
C. F. AUSTIN,
A. A. WESTCOTT,

Selectmen of Hopedale.

Attest:

S. E. KELLOGG,
Constable of Hopedale.

Hopedale, March 1, 1926.

I have complied with the requirements of this Warrant by posting attested copies in four public places in said Town, seven days before the time of said meeting.

Attest:

S. E. KELLOGG,
Constable of Hopedale.

A true copy of the Warrant and doings thereon.

Attest:

WM. H. JORDAN,

Town Clerk.

TOWN MEETING, MARCH 1, 1926.

Pursuant to Warrant lawfully posted, the inhabitants of Hopedale, duly qualified by law to vote in elections and in Town affairs, met at Town Hall and punctually at nine o'clock in the forenoon, were called to order by the Clerk of said Town, who read the Warrant, and under:

Article 1. Mr. F. J. Dutcher was chosen Moderator with the use of the check list.

Article 2. Voted: That the Town proceed to vote for the necessary town officers by ballot, all upon one ballot, namely, Town Clerk, Treasurer, Collector, Auditor, Selectman for three years, one Road Commissioner for three years, Assessor for three years, one member of the School Committee for three years, five Constables, one Trustee of Public Library for three years, one Park Commissioner for 3 years, and one Tree Warden for one year.

Article 3. Voted: Unanimously, that the report of the Selectmen, Overseers of Poor, School Committee, Engineers of Fire Department, and all other officers of the town be accepted as printed.

Article 4. Voted: Unanimously, that the Town accept the report of the Finance Committee as read by Mr. G. Russell Goff, for the Clerk. Mr. C. F. Butterworth, and to act upon the same item by item.

Voted: Unanimously, that the Town raise and appropriate for the use of the Fire Department:

General account	\$9,500 00
New Hose	600 00
Brush Fires	200 00
Hydrant Service	4,100 00
For Poor Department	7,500 00
For Library Department (exclusive of Dog Tax)	3,700 00
For School Department:	
General account	52,500 00
Domestic Science	1,000 00
For Park Department	5,000 00
For Incidental Department—General	4,500 00
For Incidental Department:	
Insurance	2,000 00
Police	5,000 00
Cemetery	50 00
Interest	500 00
Town Hall	4,000 00
Board of Health	1,000 00
State Aid	150 00
For Tree Warden account, including suppression of Gypsy and Brown Tail Moths (see Art. 12)	2,500 00
Voted: Unanimously, that the Town appropriate from any unused funds in the hands of the Treasurer.	
For Highway Department:	
Maintenance and repairs of public ways and streets	20,000 00
Street Lights	4,800 00

Article 5. Voted: That the Town Treasurer, with the approval of the Selectmen, be and hereby is authorized to borrow money from time to time in anticipation of the revenue of the financial year beginning January 1, 1926, and to issue a note or notes therefor payable within one year, any debt incurred

under this vote to be paid from the revenue of the said financial year.

Article 6. Voted: That the Town Treasurer, with the approval of the Selectmen, be and hereby is authorized to borrow money on and after January 1, 1927, and to issue a note or notes therefor payable within one year, any debt incurred under this vote to be paid from the revenue of the financial year beginning January 1, 1927.

Article 7. Voted: Unanimously, that the sum of two hundred and twenty dollars (\$220.00) be raised and appropriated toward defraying the expenses of Memorial Day, of said amount \$100.00 to paid Post 22, G. A. R., \$100.00 to the American Legion, and \$20.00 to the Spanish War Veterans.

Article 8. Voted: To turn over to the Library the money refunded to the Town from the County on account of the dog tax.

Article 9. Voted: That the compensation of the Collector of Taxes for the year 1926 be \$275.00, all the expenses connected with the collection of taxes for the year 1926 to be borne by the Town and paid from the appropriation for the Incidental Department.

Article 10 Voted: That all taxes shall be payable October 1st, and bills for the same shall be sent out on or before that date, and that all taxes remaining unpaid after the expiration of eighteen days from said October 1st, shall bear interest at the rate of six per cent, per annum, from said October 1st, and as otherwise provided by law.

Article 11. Voted: To authorize the Selectmen to take charge of all legal proceedings for or against the town.

Article 12. This was included in Article 4.

Article 13. Voted: Unanimously. That the Town authorize the purchase of a combination pump for fire protection

purposes, and to raise and appropriate the sum of fourteen thousand (\$14,000.00) dollars therefor.

Article 14. Voted: That the Town accept all deeds or conveyances made to the Town and duly recorded.

Voted: That the polls be closed at one o'clock in the afternoon.

Punctually at one o'clock the polls were declared closed, the ballots cast were counted, and the result announced as follows:

There were 29 ballots cast for each of the following officers, and the same were declared elected:

Town Clerk, Wm. H. Jordan.

Treasurer, Wm. H. Jordan.

Collector, Eugene S. Newhall.

Auditor, Alfred A. Lovejoy, Jr.

Selectman, Three years, Asa A. Westcott.

Assessor, three years, George W. Lunt.

Road Commissioner, three years, G. Russell Goff.

School Committee, three years, Harriet B. Sornborger.

Trustee of Town Library, three years, Anna M. Bancroft.

Park Commissioner, three years, Frank S. Clark.

Tree Warden, one year, Frank S. Clark.

Constables, Archibald E. Beck, Samuel E. Kellogg, Leon A. Wright, Lewis W. Barrows, Asa A. Westcott.

Of the above named Town Officers, the following were sworn by the Moderator to the faithful preformance of their duty:—Wm. H. Jordan, and Asa A. Westcott.

By the Town Clerk:—Eugene S. Newhall, Alfred A. Lovejoy, Jr., George W. Lunt, G. Russell Goff, Harriet B. Sorn-

borger, Frank S. Clark, Samuel E. Kellogg, Lewis W. Barrows.
Attest:

WM. H. JORDAN,
Town Clerk.

Hopedale, March 2, 1926.

Selectmen E. A. Darling, C. F. Austin, and A. A. Westcott, Constable S. E. Kellogg, and Town Clerk Wm. H. Jordan, met at Draper Corporation Office at 11.30 o'clock A. M., and Selectman C. F. Austin drew from the Juror box the name of Edward J. O'Sullivan, by occupation, Musician, to serve as Traverse Juror, at our Superior Court to be holden at Worcester, on the first Monday of March current, said Juror to attend on Monday, March 29th at 10 o'clock A. M.

Attest:

WM. H. JORDAN,
Town Clerk.

Hopedale, March 3, 1926.

This is to certify that I have this day appointed Mr. Alfred A. Lovejoy, Jr., as assistant Town Clerk, and that he duly qualified for said office.

Attest:

WM. H. JORDAN,
Town Clerk.

Hopedale, April 7, 1926.

Selectmen E. A. Darling, C. F. Austin, and A. A. Westcott, Constable S. E. Kellogg, and Town Clerk, Wm. H.

Jordan, met at Draper Corporation Office at 3.30 o'clock P. M., and Selectman C. F. Austin drew from the Juror Box, the name of Walter F. Durgin, by occupation a Gardener, to serve as Traverse Juror, at our Superior Court now holding at Worcester, said Juror to attend on Monday, the 3d day of May, at 10 o'clock A. M.

Attest:

WM. H. JORDAN,

Town Clerk.

TOWN WARRANT.

COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS.

Worcester, ss.

To either Constable of the Town of Hopedale, in said County,
Greeting:

In the name of the Commonwealth aforesaid you are hereby required to notify and warn the inhabitants of said Town, qualified by law to vote in Town affairs, to meet at the Town Hall, on Monday, the tenth day of May next, punctually at 7.30 o'clock in the evening to act upon the following articles, namely:

Article 1. To choose a Moderator to preside at said meeting.

Article 2. To see if the Town will appoint a committee for the purpose of considering the matter of the erection of a High School building for the Town, and selecting a location therefor, and raise and appropriate, or appropriate from any available funds, money for the use of said committee, or take any other action or pass any other votes with respect to the erection of a High School building for the use of the Town.

And you are hereby directed to serve this Warrant by posting up attested copies thereof in at least four public places in

said Town, seven days at least before the time set for said meeting.

Hereof fail not, and make due return of this Warrant with your doings thereon, to the Clerk of said Town, at the time of meeting aforesaid.

Given under our hands at Hopedale, this 3d day of May, A. D. 1926.

E. A. DARLING,
CHAS. F. AUSTIN,
ASA A. WESTCOTT,

Selectmen of Hopedale.

Attest:

SAMUEL E. KELLOGG,

Constable of Hopedale.

Hopedale, May 10th, 1926.

I have complied with the requirements of this Warrant by posting attested copies in four public places in said Town seven days before the time of said meeting.

SAMUEL E. KELLOGG,

Constable of Hopedale.

A true copy of the Warrant and doings thereon.

Attest:

WM. H. JORDAN,

Town Clerk.

TOWN MEETING, MAY 10, 1926.

Pursuant to Warrant lawfully posted, the inhabitants of Hopedale, duly qualified by law to vote in elections and in Town affairs, met at Town Hall on Monday evening, May 10, 1926, and punctually at 7.30 o'clock, were called to order by the Clerk of said Town, who read the Warrant, and under:

Article 1. Mr. F. J. Dutcher was chosen Moderator with the use of the check list.

Article 2. After remarks by Mr. F. J. Dutcher, and an explanation by Mr. B. H. Bristow Draper giving an outline of the proposition regarding the transfer to the Town of the General Wm. F. Draper Estate, under conditions cited by him, it was

Voted: Unanimously, that Charles F. Austin, C. Fred Butterworth, Frank J. Dutcher, G. Russell Goff, and Joseph L. Remington, be and hereby appointed and constituted a committee of the Town for the purpose of investigating and considering the matter of the erection of a High School building and the selection of a location for the same, and with authority to cause proper surveys to be made, and to secure plans and estimates and such other data and information as they shall deem desirable with respect to any proposed school building, and to report with recommendations at a future meeting, and that the sum of four thousand (\$4,000.00) dollars be appropriated from any unappropriated or surplus funds in the treasury of the Town for the use of the Committee for the purpose aforesaid.

Voted to dissolve the Warrant.

Attest:

WM. H. JORDAN,

Town Clerk.

Hopedale, Mass., May 1, 1926.

This is to certify that the Selectmen have this day granted Louis Pagani, 245 Mendon Street, a license to operate one Pool table, said license to expire May 1, 1927, unless sooner suspended or revoked.

Attest:

WM. H. JORDAN,
Town Clerk.

Hopedale, Mass., May 1, 1926.

This is to certify that the Selectmen have this day granted Albert Butterfield, rear Harrison Block, a license to operate two Bowling alleys, and two Pool tables, said license to expire May 1, 1927, unless sooner suspended or revoked.

Attest:

WM. H. JORDAN,
Town Clerk.

Hopedale, Mass., May 1, 1926.

This is to certify that the Selectmen have this day granted Junk licenses to the following:

No. 1. Joseph Marcus, 66 Fruit St., Milford, Mass.

No. 2. Morris Sneiderman, 158 W. Spruce St., Milford, Mass. To expire May 1, 1927, unless sooner suspended or revoked.

Attest:

WM. H. JORDAN,
Town Clerk.

Hopedale, Mass., June 2, 1926.

This is to certify that the Selectmen have this day granted a license to Rosario DePietro, 29 Beech St., Milford, to sell Fruit, Fish, and Vegetables within the Town of Hopedale, to expire May 1, 1927, unless sooner suspended or revoked.

Attest :

WM. H. JORDAN,
Town Clerk.

Hopedale, Mass., August 13, 1926.

Selectmen C. F. Austin and A. A. Westcott, Constable S. E. Kellogg and Town Clerk, Wm. H. Jordan, met this day at Draper Corporation Office at 10.30 o'clock A. M., and Selectman C. F. Austin drew from the Juror Box the name of H. M. Bates to serve as Traverse Juror at Superior Court for the transaction of civil business. Juror to attend at Worcester (second session) on Tuesday, Sept. 9, 1926, at 10 o'clock A. M.

Attest :

WM. H. JORDAN,
Town Clerk.

Hopedale, Mass., August 17, 1926.

TO THE TOWN CLERK OF THE TOWN OF HOPEDALE, MASS.

Beause of the condition of my health, I hereby tender my resignation as one of the Selectmen of the Town of Hopedale, such resignation to become effective forthwith, and the same is hereby filed with you in accordance with the provisions of General Laws, Chapter 41, Section 109.

EDWIN A. DARLING.

Hopedale, Mass., Sept. 3, 1926.

A meeting of the Board of Selectmen was held this day at 10 o'clock A. M.

Present:—C. F. Austin, A. A. Westcott.

Resignation of Mr. E. A. Darling as a member of the Board of Selectmen was read and accepted.

Voted: That Mr. C. F. Austin be Chairman of the Board of Selectmen, Chairman of the Board of Health, and Chairman of the Board of Overseers of the Poor.

No other business coming before the meeting, it was

Voted: To adjourn.

A true copy.

Attest:

WM. H. JORDAN,

Town Clerk

THE COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS.

Worcester, ss.

To either of the Constables of the Town of Hopedale, Greeting:

In the name of the Commonwealth you are hereby required to notify and warn the inhabitants of said Town who are qualified to vote in Primaries to meet in the Town Hall in said Hopedale, Tuesday, the fourteenth day of September, 1926, at 12 o'clock noon, for the following purposes:

To bring in their votes to the Primary Officers for the nomination of Candidates of Political Parties for the following offices:

Governor	For this Commonwealth.
Lieutenant-Governor,	For this Commonwealth.
Secretary of the Commonwealth	For this Commonwealth.
Treasurer and Receiver General	For this Commonwealth.

Auditor of the Commonwealth, For this Commonwealth.
 Attorney-General For this Commonwealth.
 Senator in Congress (to fill a vacancy) For this Commonwealth.
 Representative in Congress For 13th Congressional District.
 Councillor For 7th Councillor District.
 Senator For 4th Senatorial District.
 One Representative in General Court

For 7th Representative District.

County Commissioner For Worcester County.
 Associate County Commissioners (2).... For Worcester County.
 Register of Probate and

Insolvency (to fill vacancy) For Worcester County.
 County Treasurer (to fill vacancy) For Worcester County
 District Attorney For Middle District.
 Sheriff For Worcester County.

And for the election of the following Officers:

District member of State Committee for each political party, for
 the 4th Senatorial District.

Members of the Republican Town Committee.

Members of the Democratic Town Committee.

Delegates to State Conventions of the Republican Party.

Delegates to State Conventions of the Democratic Party.

All the above candidates and officers are to be voted for upon
 one ballot.

The Polls will be open from 12 o'clock noon to 8 o'clock
 P. M.

And you are directed to serve this Warrant by posting at-
 tested copies thereof seven days at least before the time of said
 meeting as directed by vote of the Town.

Hereof fail not and make return of this Warrant with your
 doings thereon at the time and place of said meeting.

Given under our hands this 28th day of August, A. D., 1926.

C. F. AUSTIN,

A. A. WESTCOTT,

Selectmen of Hopedale.

A true copy.

Attest:

S. E. KELLOGG,
Constable.

Hopedale, Mass., Sept. 14, 1926.

I have complied with the requirements of this Warrant by posting attested copies in four public places in said Town seven days before the time of said meeting.

Attest:

SAMUEL E. KELLOGG,
Constable.

A true copy of the Warrant and doings thereon.

Attest:

WM. H. JORDAN,
Town Clerk.

Hopedale, Mass., Sept. 14, 1926.

Pursuant to Warrant lawfully posted, the inhabitants of Hopedale, duly qualified to vote in Primaries, assembled at Town Hall at 12 o'clock noon, on the 14th day of September, for the purpose of giving in their votes to the Primary Officers for the Candidates as stated upon the Warrant.

At seven o'clock P. M., the ballot box which registered 92, was opened and 92 ballots taken therefrom. The tellers being duly sworn as the law directs, began the counting. At 8 o'clock P. M., the polls were declared closed. The ballot box registered 109, and 17 more ballots were taken therefrom, making a total of 109 as registered, and at 9 o'clock announcement was made as follows:

REPUBLICAN BALLOT.

GOVERNOR.

Alvan T. Fuller, Malden	89
Blanks	3

LIEUTENANT-GOVERNOR.

Frank G. Allen, Norwood	90
Blanks	2

SECRETARY.

Frederic W. Cook, Somerville	89
Blanks	3

TREASURER.

William S. Youngman, Brookline	87
Blanks	5

AUDITOR.

Alonzo B. Cook, Boston	77
Blanks	15

ATTORNEY-GENERAL.

Elijah Adlow, Boston	12
Alexander Lincoln, Boston	43
Arthur K. Reading, Cambridge	35
Blanks	2

SENATOR IN CONGRESS.

(TO FILL VACANCY).

William M. Butler, Boston	89
Blanks	3

CONGRESSMAN—THIRTEENTH DISTRICT.

Robert Luce, Waltham	89
Blanks	3

COUNCILLOR—SEVENTH DISTRICT.

Pehr G. Holmes, Worcester	88
Blanks	4

SENATOR—FOURTH WORCESTER DISTRICT.

Elbert M. Crockett, Milford	88
Blanks	4

REPRESENTATIVE IN GENERAL COURT—

SEVENTH WORCESTER DISTRICT.

Herbert J. George, Mendon	74
Frank W. Warfield, Blackstone	17
Blanks	1

COUNTY COMMISSIONER—WORCESTER COUNTY.

Harry A. Cooke, Worcester	80
George H. Robinson, Sturbridge	6
Blanks	6

ASSOCIATE COMMISSIONERS—WORCESTER COUNTY.

Edward A. Lamb, Charlton	85
J. Warren Moulton, Rutland	64
Blanks	35

DISTRICT ATTORNEY—MIDDLE DISTRICT.

Charles B. Rugg, Worcester	88
Blanks	4

SHERIFF—WORCESTER COUNTY.

Albert F. Richardson, Worcester	86
Blanks	6

COUNTY TREASURER—WORCESTER COUNTY.

(TO FILL VACANCY).

Ralph R. Kendall, Worcester	87
Blanks	5

REGISTER OF PROBATE AND INSOLVENCY—WORCESTER COUNTY.

(TO FILL VACANCY).

Leon E. Felton, Worcester	87
Blanks	5

STATE COMMITTEE—FOURTH WORCESTER DISTRICT.

Francis Prescott, Grafton	81
Blanks	11

DELEGATES TO STATE CONVENTION.

Edna H. Beck, Hopedale	85
Emma B. Draper, Hopedale	85
Laird Branch Osgood, Hopedale	83
Fanny C. Osgood, Hopedale	84
Blanks	31

TOWN COMMITTEE.

Charles F. Austin, Hopedale	88
Frank Edmands, Hopedale	88
Charles F. Butterworth, Hopedale	88
Eugene J. Creighton, Hopedale	89
Frank W. Redgrave, Hopedale	87
Willis G. Austin, Hopedale	87
Asa A. Westcott, Hopedale	89

Samuel E. Kellogg, Hopedale	89
Edna H. Beck, Hopedale	86
Emma B. Draper, Hopedale	88
Fanny C. Osgood, Hopedale	87
Blanks	46

DEMOCRATIC BALLOT.

GOVERNOR.

William A. Gaston, Boston	15
Blanks	2

LIEUTENANT-GOVERNOR.

Harry J. Dooley, Boston	0
Joseph B. Ely, Westfield	14
Blanks	3

SECRETARY.

Frank W. Cavanaugh, Newton	15
Blanks	2

TREASURER.

Daniel England, Pittsfield	13
Blanks	4

AUDITOR.

Strabo V. Claggett, Newton	13
Blanks	4

ATTORNEY-GENERAL.

John E. Swift, Milford	14
Harold Williams, Jr., Brookline	3
Blanks	0

SENATOR IN CONGRESS.

(TO FILL VACANCY).

David I. Walsh, Fitchburg	16
Blanks	1

CONGRESSMAN—THIRTEENTH DISTRICT.

John P. Tierney, Newton	7
Edwin F. Tuttle, Bellingham	8
Blanks	2

COUNCILLOR—SEVENTH DISTRICT.

Charles A. Brett, Worcester	12
Blanks	5

COUNTY COMMISSIONER—WORCESTER COUNTY.

John F. H. Mooney, Worcester	14
Blanks	3

SHERIFF—WORCESTER COUNTY.

Louis A. Belisle, Worcester	11
Blanks	6

COUNTY TREASURER—WORCESTER COUNTY.

(TO FILL VACANCY).

Gilmer G. Weston, Worcester (on stickers)	4
Blanks	13

STATE COMMITTEE—FOURTH WORCESTER DISTRICT.

Edwin F. Tuttle, Bellingham	12
Blanks	5

DELEGATES TO STATE CONVENTION.

Horace B. Norcross, Jr., Hopedale	14
John P. Connolly, Hopedale	17
George Edward Kent, Hopedale	13
Blanks	7

TOWN COMMITTEE.

John J. Lahive, Hopedale	12
Albion A. Washburn, Hopedale	12
Walter E. Burke, Hopedale	13
John P. Connolly, Hopedale	13
Henry Markham, Hopedale	13
Blanks	22

The foregoing making a total of 92 Republican and 17 Democratic, a grand total of 109 Ballots.

Attest:

WM. H. JORDAN,

Town Clerk.

TOWN WARRANT.

COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS.

Worcester, ss.

To either Constable of the Town of Hopedale, in said County,
Greeting:

In the name of the Commonwealth aforesaid, you are hereby required to notify and warn the inhabitants of said town, qualified by law to vote in elections and in town affairs, to meet at Town Hall in said Town, on Tuesday, the second day of November, A. D., 1926, it being the first Tuesday after the first Monday, punctually at 5.45 o'clock in the forenoon, at which time the polls will be opened for said voters to give in their ballots to the Selectmen, for Governor; Lieutenant-Governor; Secretary; Treasurer; Auditor; Attorney-General; Senator in Congress; Congressman; Councillor; Senator; Representative in General Court; County Commissioner; 2 Associate County Commissioners; District Attorney; Sheriff; County Treasurer; Register of Probate and Insolvency; all on one ballot, designating the office intended for each person voted for. Also upon said ballots, the

voters shall give in their votes, "Yes" or "No" on the following questions:—

"Shall an amendment to the constitution which authorizes the General Court to establish in any corporate town containing more than six thousand inhabitants, a form of government providing for town meetings limited to such inhabitants of the town as may be elected for the purpose, which received in a joint session of the two Houses held May 29, 1924, 189 votes in the affirmative and 40 in the negative, and at a joint session of the two Houses held March 18, 1925, received 262 votes in the affirmative and 4 in the negative, be approved?"

"Shall a law which amends existing law by striking out the provisions that veterans who pass Civil Service examinations shall be placed upon the eligible lists above all other applicants, that disabled veterans shall be placed ahead of all other veterans, and that disabled veterans shall be appointed and employed in preference to all other persons; and by providing in place thereof, that five points shall be added to the mark of veterans who pass such examinations, and ten points to the mark of disabled veterans, which law was disapproved in the Senate by a vote of 0 in the affirmative and 34 in the negative, and in the House of Representatives by a vote of 11 in the affirmative and 181 in the negative, be approved?"

The polls may be closed at one o'clock in the afternoon on said day of meeting.

At twelve o'clock noon, on the above mentioned second day of November, at the same place, there will be a meeting of the above described inhabitants qualified by law to vote in Town affairs, to act on the following articles, namely:—

Article 1. To choose a Moderator to preside at said meeting.

Article 2. To hear the report of any committees appointed by the Town, and act thereon.

Article 3. To see if the Town will vote to appropriate from the surplus or unexpended balances now in the Treasury available for the purpose, the sum of one hundred twenty-five dollars and thirty-five cents (\$125.35), or any other sum, in addition to prior appropriations, for the use of the library department, for expenditures incurred or to be incurred in connection with the repair of the roof of the library building, or to take any action in relation to the foregoing.

Article 4. To see if the Town will vote to appropriate from the surplus or unexpended balances now in the treasury available for the purpose, the sum of twenty-five hundred dollars (\$2,500.00), or any other sum, in addition to prior appropriations, for the use of the school department, for the construction of fire escapes on the high school building, and ventilators on the South Hopedale school building, or take any other action in relation to the foregoing.

Article 5. To see if the Town will vote to appropriate from the surplus or unexpended balances now in the Treasury available for the purpose, the sum of two thousand dollars (\$2,000.), or any other sum, in addition to prior appropriations, for the use of the highway department, for general maintenance and repair of public ways, or take any other action in relation to the foregoing.

Article 6. To see if the Town will vote to appropriate from the surplus or unexpended balances now in the Treasury available for the purpose, the sum of two hundred eleven dollars and sixty-two cents (\$211.62), or any other sum, in addition to prior appropriations, for the payment of interest on borrowed money, or take any other action in relation to the foregoing.

Article 7. To see if the Town will vote to appropriate from the surplus or unexpended balances now in the Treasury available for the purpose, the sum of four hundred dollars (\$400.), or any other sum, in addition to prior appropriations,

for the tree warden, to be used for the suppression of the gypsy and browntail moths or any other lawful purpose of the department, or take any other action in relation to the foregoing.

Article 8. To see if the Town will vote to accept the conveyance from Richard G. Gaskill, by deed dated July 8, 1926, and duly recorded, of a small tract of land in Spindleville, conveyed for the purpose of enabling the widening and improvement of the highway.

And you are hereby directed to serve this Warrant by posting up attested copies thereof in at least four public places in said Town, seven days at least before the time set for said meeting.

Hereof fail not, and make due return of this Warrant, with your doings thereon, to the Clerk of said Town, at the time of meeting aforesaid.

Given under our hands at Hopedale, the nineteenth day of October, A. D. 1926.

CHARLES F. AUSTIN,
ASA A. WESTCOTT,

Selectmen of Hopedale.

Attest:

SAMUEL E. KELLOGG,

Constable of Hopedale.

Hopedale, November 2, 1926.

I have complied with the requirements of this Warrant by posting attested copies in four public places in said Town, seven days before the time of said meeting.

Attest:

SAMUEL E. KELLOGG,

Constable.

A true copy of the Warrant and doings thereon.

Attest:

WM. H. JORDAN,
Town Clerk.

TOWN MEETING, NOVEMBER 2, 1926.

Pursuant to Warrant lawfully posted, the inhabitants of Hopedale, duly qualified by law to vote in elections and in Town affairs, met at Town Hall on November 2, 1926, and punctually at 5.45 o'clock in the forenoon, were called to order by the Town Clerk, who read the Warrant, after which the polls were declared open.

The cards of instructions and sample ballots being previously posted, the ballot clerks and deputy ballot clerks were sworn to the faithful performance of their duty the official ballots delivered by the presiding officer to the ballot clerks, who receipted therefor.

The ballot box registered at zero, and was shown to be empty, the same was locked and the key delivered to Constable S. E. Kellogg.

Voting then proceeded.

At twelve o'clock noon, there was a meeting of the above described inhabitants, and under

Article 1. Mr. Frank J. Dutcher was chosen Moderator.

Article 2. Voted, unanimously, that the report of the finance committee as presented by Mr. C. F. Butterworth, clerk of the committee, be accepted and the following recommendations be adopted:

Library Department, for repairs of the roof of the library building, \$125.35.

School Department, for fire escape on high school building and ventilators on South Hopedale school building, \$2,500.

Highway Department, for general maintenance and repairs of public ways, \$2,000.

Incidental Department, for interest account, \$211.62.

Tree Warden Department, for use principally in the suppression of gypsy and browntail moths, \$400.00.

Article 3. Voted, unanimously, that the Town appropriate from any unexpended balances in the hands of the Treasurer, the sum of one hundred twenty-five dollars and thirty-five cents (\$125.35) for repairs of the roof of the library building.

Article 4. Voted, unanimously, that the Town appropriate from any unexpended balances in the hands of the Treasurer, the sum of twenty-five hundred dollars (\$2,500.), for the use of the School Department, for the construction of fire escapes on the high school building, and ventilators on the South Hopedale school building.

Article 5. Voted, unanimously, that the sum of two thousand (\$2,000.), in addition to prior appropriations, be appropriated for the Highway Department for general maintenance and repairs of public ways.

Article 6. Voted; unanimously, that the Town appropriate from any unexpended balances in the hands of the Treasurer, the sum of two hundred eleven dollars and sixty-two cents (\$211.62), in addition to prior appropriations for the payment of interest on borrowed money.

Article 7. Voted, unanimously, that the Town appropriate from any unexpended balances in the hands of the Treasurer, the sum of four hundred dollars (\$400.) in addition to prior appropriations, for the use of the Tree Warden for the purpose of suppressing the gypsy and browntail moths or any other lawful purpose of the Department.

Article 8. Voted, unanimously, that the Town do accept the conveyance from Richard G. Gaskill, by deed dated July 8, 1926, and duly recorded, of a small tract of land in Spindleville, conveyed for the purpose of enabling the widening and improvement of the highway.

Voted: That the polls be closed at 8 o'clock P. M.

At 8.30 A. M. the ballot box which registered 100 was opened by Constable Barrows (who now had charge) and 100 ballots were taken therefrom.

The tellers being duly sworn as the law directs, counting proceeded.

The ballot box was afterward opened and ballots removed as follows:—

At 9.45 A. M., 100 ballots; at 11.05 A. M., 50 ballots; at 11.40 A. M., 50 ballots; at 2.05 P. M., 200 ballots; at 3.30 P. M., 100 ballots, at 4.20 P. M., 50 ballots, at 6.10 P. M., 100 ballots; at 6.50 P. M., 100 ballots; at 7.30 P. M., 50 ballots; at 8.00 P. M. the polls were declared closed, the ballot box now registered 942, and 42 ballots were removed therefrom, making a total of 942. At this time the ballots of eight absent voters were examined and checked, all having been accepted, and were passed through the ballot box, which now registered 950. A total of 950 ballots were accounted for. The ballot clerk's list showed that 950 names had been checked, and the voting list showed the same number.

The result was tabulated and declared at 8.45 P. M. in open meeting as follows:

GOVERNOR.

Alvan T. Fuller of Malden, Republican	814
William A. Gaston of Boston, Democrat	128
Walter S. Hutchins of Greenfield, Socialist	0
Samuel Leger of Boston, Socialist Labor	0
Lewis Marks of Boston, Workers	0
Blanks	8

LIEUTENANT-GOVERNOR.

Frank G. Allen of Norwood, Republican	803
Daniel T. Blessington of Somerville, Socialist Labor	1
Albert Oddie of Brockton, Workers	0
Dennis F. Reagan of Brockton, Socialist	0
Edmond P. Talbot of Fall River, Democrat	129
Blanks	17

SECRETARY.

Harry J. Canter of Boston, Workers	12
Frank W. Cavanaugh of Newton, Democrat	134
Frederic W. Cook of Somerville, Republican	762
Stephen S. Surridge of Lynn, Socialist Labor	1
Edith M. Williams of Brookline, Socialist	3
Blanks	38

TREASURER.

Albert Sprague Coolidge of Pittsfield, Socialist	3
Winfield A. Dwyer of Boston, Workers	8
Daniel England of Pittsfield, Democrat	131
Henry Hess of Boston, Socialist Labor	2
William S. Youngman of Brookline, Republican	766
Blanks	40

AUDITOR.

Leon Arkin of Boston, Socialist	1
Strabo V. Claggett of Newton, Democrat	186
Alonzo B. Cook of Boston, Republican	700
Emma P. Hutchins of Boston, Workers	6
John R. MacKinnon of Lowell, Socialist Labor	1
Blanks	56

ATTORNEY-GENERAL.

Isadore Harris of Boston, Socialist Labor	4
Max Lerner of Worcester, Workers	3
Arthur K. Reading of Cambridge, Republican	744
John Weaver Sherman of Boston, Socialist	4
John E. Swift of Milford, Democrat	164
Blanks	31

SENATOR IN CONGRESS.

(TO FILL VACANCY).

John J. Ballam of Boston, Workers	1
William M. Butler of Boston, Republican	697
Washington Cook of Sharon, Modification Volstead Act	6
Alfred Baker Lewis of Cambridge, Socialist	0
David I. Walsh of Fitchburg, Democrat	234
Blanks	12

CONGRESSMAN—THIRTEENTH DISTRICT.

Robert Luce of Waltham, Republican	760
John P. Tierney of Newton, Democrat	135
Blanks	55

COUNCILLOR—SEVENTH DISTRICT.

Charles A. Brett of Worcester, Democrat	131
Pehr G. Holmes of Worcester, Republican	737
Blanks	82

SENATOR—FOURTH WORCESTER DISTRICT.

Elbert M. Crockett of Milford, Republican	831
Blanks	119

REPRESENTATIVE IN GENERAL COURT—

SEVENTH WORCESTER DISTRICT.

Frank W. Warfield of Blackstone, Dem.-Rep.	663
Herbert J. George of Mendon, Republican	6
Henry J. Brown of Hopedale, Republican	1
Blanks	280

COUNTY COMMISSIONER—WORCESTER COUNTY.

Harry A. Cooke of Worcester, Republican	758
John F. H. Mooney of Worcester, Democrat	130
Blanks	62

ASSOCIATE COMMISSIONERS—WORCESTER COUNTY.

(VOTE FOR 2)

Edward A. Lamb of Charlton, Republican	728
J. Warren Moulton, of Rutland, Republican	538
Blanks	634

DISTRICT ATTORNEY—MIDDLE DISTRICT.

Charles B. Rugg of Worcester, Republican	784
Blanks	166

SHERIFF—WORCESTER COUNTY.

Louis A. Belisle of Worcester, Democrat	112
Albert F. Richardson of Worcester, Republican	764
Blanks	74

COUNTY TREASURER—WORCESTER COUNTY.

(TO FILL VACANCY)

Ralph R. Kendall of Worcester, Republican	782
Blanks	168

REGISTER OF PROBATE AND INSOLVENCY—WORCESTER COUNTY.

(TO FILL VACANCY).

Leon E. Felton of Worcester, Republican	775
Blanks	175

QUESTION NO. 1.

LIMITED TOWN MEETINGS.

Yes	397
No.	171
Blanks	382

QUESTION NO. 2.

VETERANS' PREFERENCE ACT.

Yes	288
No	437
Blanks	225

After the reading of the foregoing by the presiding officer Selectman Charles F. Austin, the check lists which were used by the ballot clerks and selectmen, together with the cancelled and unused ballots and tally sheets, were delivered into the custody of the Town Clerk.

Attest:

WM. H. JORDAN,
Town Clerk.

COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS.

Worcester, ss.

Northbridge, Nov. 12, 1926.

In compliance with Sections 124 to 129 inclusive, of Chapter 54 of the General Laws, we, the Town Clerks of the towns of Blackstone, Hopedale, Mendon and Northbridge, which towns comprise the Seventh Worcester Representative District; this day met at the office of the Town Clerk in said Northbridge, and canvassed the return of votes in said towns for one Representative in the General Court, to be holden in Boston on the first Wednesday in January next. Said votes were returned to us as by law required, and were given in at a legal meeting held in each of said Towns for that purpose, on the 2nd day of November, A. D. 1926, and was shown by the following tabular statement:

	Blackstone	Hopedale	Mendon	Northbridge	Total
Frank W. Warfield of Blackstone					
had	1088	663	183	1539	3473
Herbert J. George of Mendon					
had		6	17		23
Henry J. Brown of Hopedale					
had		1			1
Blanks	166	280	90	892	1428
Total Vote	1254	950	290	2431	4925

Frank W. Warfield of Blackstone in said Representative District having received the largest number of votes, was declared elected, and to him was a certificate of election issued, also a duplicate certificate sent to the Secretary of the Commonwealth as the law requires.

In Witness Whereof, we, the Town Clerks of Blackstone, Hopedale, Mendon and Northbridge, have hereunto set our names, this 12th day of November A. D. 1926.

Attest:

PETER F. FITZGERALD,
Town Clerk of Blackstone.

WM. H. JORDAN,
Town Clerk of Hopedale.

ALBERT L. COLEMAN,
Town Clerk of Mendon.

JOSEPH A. JOHNSTON,
Town Clerk of Northbridge.

Attest:

WM. H. JORDAN,
Town Clerk.

Hopedale, Nov. 16, 1926.

Selectmen C. F. Austin and A. A. Westcott, Town Clerk, Wm. H. Jordan and Constable S. E. Kellogg, met this day at Draper Corporation Office at 1.30 o'clock P. M. and Selectman A. A. Westcott drew from the Juror Box the name of Walter L. Bennett by occupation a painter to serve as Traverse Juror at our Superior Court to be holden at Worcester on Monday, December 13, 1926, at 10.00 o'clock A. M.

Attest:

WM. H. JORDAN,
Town Clerk.

Hopedale, Dec. 22, 1926.

Selectmen C. F. Austin and A. A. Westcott, Town Clerk Wm. H. Jordan and Constable S. E. Kellogg, met this day at Draper Corporation Office at 10.00 o'clock A. M. and Selectman C. F. Austin drew from the Juror Box the name of Rodney L. Damon by occupation a tool-maker, to serve as Traverse Juror at our Superior Court to be holden at Worcester on Monday, January 17, 1927, said juror to attend at second session on Monday, January 24, 1927.

Attest:

WM. H. JORDAN,
Town Clerk.

LIST OF JURORS, 1926.

NAME.	OCCUPATION.	RESIDENCE
Albee, Frank C.	Mason	South Main Street
Austin, Robert E.	Electrician	Dennett Street
Bates, Henry	Machinist	Dutcher Street
Brown, Samuel	Machinist	Freedom Street
Bennett, Walter L.	Painter	South Main Street
Chichester, Edward L.	Clerk	Hopedale Street
Clark, Frank S.	Retired	Overdale Park
Damon, Rodney L.	Tool Maker	Bancroft Park
Dewing, Hamblet E.	Gardener	Turnpike
Davis, William	Spindle Maker	Mill Street
Durgin, Walter F.	Gardener	Greene Street
Fisher, Louis E.	Assembler	Beech Street
Fulton, Arthur D.	Clerk	Mendon Street
Gaskill, R. G.	Spindle Maker	Mill Street
Hammond, Leon R.	Tool Maker	Union Street
Henry, John S.	Screw Maker	Lake Street
Knight, William H.	Retired	Hopedale Street
Nights, William E.	Machinist	Mellen Street

LIST OF JURORS, 1926.—Continued.

NAME.	OCCUPATION.	RESIDENCE
Kent, George H.	Merchant	Adin Street
Look, Roswell L.	Janitor	Mill Street
Marso, Sidney A.	Machinist	Union Street
Miller, Fred L.	Merchant	Hopedale Street
Markham, Henry	Machinist	Daniels Street
Nelson, Arthur E.	Carpenter	South Main Street
Noyes, Bert B.	Tool Maker	Hopedale Street
Northrop, Charles F.	Farmer	South Main Street
Proctor, Arthur M.	Houseman	Mendon Street
Reed, Joseph G.	Blacksmith	Greene Street
Sheldon, Theo. H.	Merchant	Highland Street
Taylor, W. E.	Pattern Maker	Dutcher Street
Thayer, Charles M.	Clerk	Warfield Street
Wells, Lucien E.	Pattern Maker	Dutcher Street
Ward, Herbert E.	Merchant	Dutcher Street

JURORS DRAWN.

Edward J. O'Sullivan	Traverse Juror	March 2, 1926
Walter F. Durgin	Traverse Juror	April 7, 1926
Henry M. Bates	Traverse Juror	August 13, 1926
Walter L. Bennett	Traverse Juror	November 16, 1926
Rodney L. Damon	Traverse Juror	December 22, 1926

DOG LICENSES ISSUED.

139 Male. 20 Female. Amount sent to County Treasurer, \$346.20 of which amount \$305.55 was returned to the town.

SPORTING LICENSES ISSUED.

Resident Sporting	141
Resident Trapping	3
Minor Trapping	7
Duplicate Licenses	2

BIRTHS REGISTERED IN 1926.

DATE 1926	NAME	PARENTS
Jan. 7	Florence Elizabeth Grover	Elmon B. and Florence (Nicoli)
Jan. 8	Charlotte Ruth Sanborn	Davis and Sadie (Morse)
Jan. 26	Mary Sullivan	John and Mary (Lloyd)
Feb. 18	Virginia Mary Bonin	Albert Edward and Helen S. (Kellett)
Feb. 19	Helen Charge	George and Dora (Wharton)
Feb. 22	Lawrence Curtis Nichols	George E. and Marion E. (Gould)
Feb. 24	Alessio Fino	Angelo and Elizabeth (Vecchiola)
Feb. 28	Elizabeth Pearl White	Albert and Christine G. (Nealley)
Mar. 2	Robert George McCully	Lester and Lila (Fuller)
Mar. 7	Mary Jean Newhall	Eugene S. and Helen I. (Sadler)
Mar. 12	Priscilla Beal Nelson	Russell S. and Emily D. (Beal)
Mar. 23	Barbara Virginia Spencer	Allen and Gertrude (Norton)
Mar. 23	Joseph Alphonse Campbell, Jr.	Joseph A. and Margaret (McNamara)
Apr. 1	Joseph Arthur DeRoche	Augustine and Leonie DeRoche
Apr. 1	Richard William Taylor	Lee and Nettie F. (Hartling)
Apr. 15	Thomas Henry West, 4th	Thomas H. and Priscilla M. (Smith)
Apr. 16	Carl Rudolph Carlson	Carl H. and Annie M. (Nelson)
Apr. 23	Dorothy Mae Murray	Wilfred J. and Lena (Ambrosini)
May 2	Adelelmo Tomassini	Attilio and Emella (Donnini)
May 11	Elbert Guy Williams	Albert and Carrie (Gates)
May 26	Robert James Brown	Arthur W. and Jessie M. (Feddren)
May 27	Louisa Ghetti	Antonio and Mary (Tognetti)
May 29	Carol June Hook	Marcus E. and Ethel M. (Larking)
June 2	Marie Louise Burns	William E. and Regina (Hirbour)
June 5	June Agnes Griggs	John E. and Mildred A. (Bowen)
June 6	Clarence Ray Phipps	Fred R. and Ernestine (Knox)
June 9	Harry W. Thatcher, Jr.	Harry W. and Elsie (Round)
June 9	Elizabeth Inez Whitney	William E. and Nellie I. (Wheeler)
June 14	Miller	Ora C. and Frances (Griffith)
June 14	Carmella D'Allo	Antonio D'Allo and Lucia (Tamura)
June 18	Robert Neal Felton	Charles E. and Edith (Maxcy)
June 25	Natalie Jean Doxey	Milton and Hilda (Anderson)
July 14	Alfred William Ingham	Alfred and Ethel May (Sharp)
July 18	Irene Vivian Barrows	Lewis W. and Florence A. (Wagner)
July 29	Raymond Barry Stewart	Robert A. and Gertrude (Shaw)
Aug. 1	Robert Hazel Gammon	Arthur and Katie L. (Wheaton)
Aug. 5	Erick Kenneth Swanson	Eric and Edith (Gumborg)
Aug. 6	Mary Margaret Noyes	Francis J. and Marion (Cahill)
Aug. 20	Albert Raymond LaChapelle	Emile and Alice (Tetrault)
Aug. 23	Frances Dapkiewicz	John and Jedwiga (Zukosky)
Aug. 27	Evelyn May Carr	Ernest and Beatrice (Clarke)
Aug. 29	Josephine Marie McNamara	George T. and Elizabeth S. (Dowe)
Aug. 31	John Seahill	James and Sarah (Norton)
Sept. 22	Robert William Donovan	William J. and Mary A. (Donnelly)
Oct. 1	Cynthia Ann Gould	Percy L. and Mary A. (Sears)
Oct. 5	Edith Jane Newell	Louis M. and Edith A. (Taft)
Oct. 8	Norma Jean Fitzgerald	Arthur H. and Muriel (Miller)
Oct. 20	Stillborn	
Nov. 6	Mary Phyllis Henry	Norman S. and Marjorie E. (Onderkirk)
Nov. 13	Raymond Ames Sadler, Jr.	Raymond A. and Edith I. (Richardson)
Nov. 14	Elizabeth Jean Bateson	Robert E. and Irene V. (Cassidy)
Nov. 17	Lewis William Bennett	L. Ainsley and Judith (Locke)
Nov. 21	Francis Cichanovitz	Frank and Blanche (Lapa)
Dec. 20	Antonio Cervasi	Joseph and Antonina Biacharelli
Dec. 21	Giuseppe Mantoni	Alexander and Teresa Pigolli
Dec. 29	Jack Midgley	Arthur E. and Annie (Howe)

MARRIAGES REGISTERED IN 1926.

DATE	NAMES	RESIDENCE	AGE	MARRIAGE	BY WHOM AND WHERE MARRIED
Jan. 2	Arnold F. Nealley	Hopedale	19	1st	Rev. J. A. Riordan,
	Grace L. Drew	Milford	18	1st	Milford, Mass.
Jan. 9	Donald N. Gage	Hopedale	25	2nd	Rev. V. H. Deming,
	Gertrude M. Niederberger	Hopedale	25	1st	Hopedale, Mass.
Jan. 20	Robert E. Bateson	Hopedale	24	1st	Rev. V. H. Deming,
	Irene Veronica Cassidy	Hopedale	19	1st	Hopedale, Mass.
Jan. 21	William J. Flinn	Hopedale	22	2nd	S. H. Acorn, J. P.,
	Kathleen E. Wood	Hopedale	17	1st	Framingham, Mass.
Jan. 25	George S. Evans	Hopedale	26	1st	Rev. J. P. Donahue
	Catherine T. Holland	Milford	21	1st	Milford, Mass.
Apr. 17	Henry Lloyd	Hopedale	60	4th	Rev. Holger Schluntz,
	Nellie N. (Daniels) Hildreth	Hopedale	65	2nd	Hopedale, Mass.
Apr. 19	Albert Costa	Milford	23	1st	Rev. Louis Fontana,
	Isolina E. Gritti	Hopedale	17	1st	Milford, Mass.
Apr. 24	Charles Young	Hopedale	35	2nd	Rev. W. H. Commons,
	Hannah Lawson	Whitinsville	31	1st	Whitinsville, Mass.
May 3	Stanley L. Snow	Leominster	23	1st	Rev. L. W. West,
	Dorothy L. Sweet	Hopedale	21	1st	Hopedale, Mass.
May 16	Harland H. Higgins	Milford	21	1st	Rev. H. F. Flster,
	Hazel May Allen	Hopedale	19	1st	Milford, Mass.
June 4	Charles H. Deming	Hopedale	26	1st	Rev. V. H. Deming,
	Ruth A. Jepson	Warner, N. H.	25	1st	Warner, N. H.
June 5	Arthur E. Midgley	Hopedale	22	1st	Rev. Joseph Belcher
	Annie Howe	Milford	24	1st	Milford, Mass.
June 21	Joseph B. Harris	Hopedale	23	1st	Rev. Emilio Baretella,
	Marie R. Solari	Milford	24	1st	Milford, Mass.
July 3	Stanton D. Putnam	Sutton	24	1st	Rev. V. H. Deming,
	Doris M. Keith	Douglas	19	1st	Hopedale, Mass.
July 7	Deones Lamothe	Hopedale	37	1st	Rev. Leo F. Rock,
	Lucetta Lambert	Hopedale	24	1st	Milford, Mass.
Aug. 28	Walter J. Butler	Hopedale	21	1st	Rev. George Burgess,
	Isabel M. Claffin	Blackstone	17	1st	Milford, Mass.
Aug. 29	William F. Donnelly	Hopedale	30	1st	Rev. A. J. Fitzgerald,
	Rita Mary Swift	Holliston	22	1st	Holliston, Mass.
Sept. 4	Michael J. Higglston	Hopedale	56	3rd	Rev. T. F. Markham,
	Marjorie A. Leahy	Haverhill	47	1st	Haverhill, Mass.
Sept. 11	Linwood R. Wrenn	Hopedale	20	1st	Rev. George Burgess,
	Ada M. Currie	Milford	20	1st	Milford, Mass.
Sept. 18	Edward B. Holmes	Milford	22	1st	Rev. C. F. Niles,
	Elizabeth L. Collier	Hopedale	22	1st	Hopedale, Mass.
Sept. 19	Thomas Coyne	Homestead, Pa.	30	1st	Rev. H. M. O'Connor,
	Annie T. Ridge	Hopedale	28	1st	Boston, Mass.
Sept. 25	Claus Dufries	Whitinsville	58	3rd	Rev. V. H. Deming,
	Tryutje (Boomsma) Felson	Whitinsville	55	2nd	Hopedale, Mass.
Oct. 9	Donald F. Moore	Hopedale	25	1st	Rev. Joseph Belcher,
	Elsie Driscoll	Hopedale	25	1st	Milford, Mass.
Oct. 11	Eugene L. Belforti	Hopedale	25	1st	Rev. Louis Fontana,
	Claudina M. SanClementi	Milford	25	1st	Milford, Mass.
Oct. 12	Frank J. Costello	Millville	40	1st	Rev. J. A. Riordan,
	Mary E. (O'Malley) Hoyle	Hopedale	37	2nd	Milford, Mass.
Oct. 25	George F. Creamer	Hopedale	28	1st	Rev. J. A. Riordan,
	Lillian A. Hannigan	Hopedale	22	1st	Milford, Mass.
Oct. 30	Carl E. Adams	Hopedale	30	1st	Rev. Culver Alford,
	Florence H. Gould	Hopedale	21	1st	New York, N. Y.
Oct. 30	James Robb Aitken	Milford	26	1st	Rev. R. B. Wintersteen,
	Sarah B. Stoodley	Hopedale	26	1st	Hopedale, Mass.
Nov. 5	William Van Abbema	Hopedale	25	1st	Rev. J. P. DeVries,
	Paulena Van Derwerf	Whitinsville	27	1st	Northbridge, Mass.
Nov. 6	Glenroy A. Wright	Hopedale	27	1st	Rev. V. H. Deming,
	Dorothy R. Knoth	Hopedale	16	1st	Hopedale, Mass.
Nov. 10	James M. Jess	Hopedale	53	1st	Rev. S. M. Lindsay,
	Mary McGibbney	Boston	45	2nd	Brookline, Mass.

MARRIAGES REGISTERED IN 1926.—Continued.

DATE	NAMES	RESIDENCE	MARRIAGE		BY WHOM AND WHERE MARRIED
			AGE		
Nov. 22	Stanley F. Cummings	Hopedale	22	1st	Rev. J. A. Riordan,
	Agnes L. Ryan	Milford	24	1st	Milford, Mass.
Nov. 25	Amos E. Hilchey	Hopedale	26	1st	Rev. A. W. Shaw,
	Irma F. Josey	Dorchester	20	1st	Boston, Mass.
Nov. 25	Ralph E. Barnes	Windsor, Conn.	21	1st	Rev. J. A. Riordan,
	Madelene C. Galloway	Hopedale	24	1st	Milford, Mass.
Nov. 25	Edgar J. Markham	Hopedale	33	1st	Rev. P. A. Hanley,
	Mary C. Kilcline	Woonsocket	28	1st	Woonsocket, R. I.
Nov. 25	Joseph T. Robson	Milford	21	1st	Rev. H. F. Fister,
	Emma L. Allen	Hopedale	21	1st	Hopedale, Mass.
Nov. 27	Louis R. Perini	Ashland	23	1st	Rev. J. A. Riordan,
	Florence R. Gardetto	Hopedale	19	1st	Milford, Mass.
Dec. 5	Walter V. Fitzgerald	Milford	20	1st	Rev. George Burgess,
	Gertrude E. Nelson	Milford	21	1st	Hopedale, Mass.
Dec. 6	Benjamin C. Dewar	Hopedale	36	1st	C. W. Gould, J. P.,
	Catherine (McNeil) Hickey	Milford	37	2nd	Milford, Mass.
Dec. 11	James F. Sheedy	Milford	18	1st	Rev. L. Fontana,
	Lena Spadoni	Hopedale	18	1st	Milford, Mass.

DEATHS REGISTERED IN 1926.

DATE	NAME OF DECEASED	AGE Y M D	CAUSE OF DEATH	PLACE OF BIRTH
Jan. 17	Clara E. Nelson	71 2 22	Edema of Lungs	Lawrence, Mass.
Jan. 18	Eleanor F. Smith	18	Myo-Endocarditis	Milford, Mass.
Jan. 28	Hazel T. Maynard	23 4 22	Pul. Tuberculosis	Brookfield, Mass.
Feb. 19	Esther L. Steele	75 7 21	Arterio Sclerosis	Derby Line, Vt.
Mar. 10	Ella Cole	42 6 4	Cardiac Embolism	Needham, Mass.
Mar. 25	Julius E. Hoyle	31 8 23	Lobar Pneumonia	Blackstone, Mass.
Mar. 26	Alice A. Burrill	56 8	Carcinoma of Lung	Northbridge, Mass.
Mar. 29	Johanna O'Connell	78	Broncho Pneumonia	Ireland
Apr. 4	Fred I. Edmands	51	Prob. Cardiovascular Renal Disease	Palmer, Mass.
Apr. 8	Florence M. Quinn	39 11	Pul. Carcinoma Nulas.	Needham Htgs., Mass.
Apr. 14	George A. Davenport	43 9 22	Accident	Hopedale, Mass.
Apr. 23	Harriet H. W. Thayer	89 2 7	Senile Gangrene	Milford, Mass.
May 6	Alice H. Knox	79 6 8	Apoplexy	Oldham, England
May 19	Richard G. Allen	9 1 10	Scarlet Fever	Hopedale, Mass.
May 21	Edwin M. Wheelock	86 5 19	Arterio Sclerosis	Mendon, Mass.
June 18	Miller		Pul. Stenosis	Milford, Mass.
July 5	George S. Buck	76	Septicemia	Hopkinton, Mass.
Aug. 3	Waldo W. Jenckes	64 9 30	Hemorrhage	Woonsocket, R. I.
Aug. 21	Lawrence Connell	64	Cerebral Hemorrhage	Uxbridge, Mass.
Aug. 22	Frederick H. Hatch	66 3 23	Senile Myocarditis	Upton, Mass.
Sept. 25	Eva F. Wallace	33 8 8	Acute Nephritis	West Dedham, Mass.
Oct. 20	Stillborn			
Oct. 20	Ellis R. Swan	85 10 29	Arterio Sclerosis	Mendon, Mass.
Oct. 23	Sarah E. Blake	82 8 6	Carcinoma of Bowel	New Hampton, N. H.
Dec. 1	Gloria M. Fisher	1 10 12	Acute Entero-colitis	Hopedale, Mass.
Dec. 13	Julia A. Senter	74 7 7	Cerebral Hemorrhage	Bingham, Me.
Dec. 15	Ransom J. Clark	82 11 25	Dilatation of Heart	Milford, Mass.
Dec. 21	Elizabeth Coburn	81	Mitral Regurgitation	Holliston, Mass.

Parents and others are required to carefully examine the above lists and if any errors or omissions are discovered report them at once to the town clerk, that the record may be corrected, as it is of importance that the records of Vital Statistics should be complete. Herewith are extracts from the Revised Laws of Massachusetts, Vol. 1, Chapter 29, as amended by Chapter 280, Acts of 1912.

Section 1.—Physicians and midwives shall within forty-eight hours after the birth of every child in cases of which they were in charge, mail or deliver to the clerk or registrar of the city or town in which the birth occurred a notice stating the date and place of birth, giving the street number, if any, the number of the ward in a city and the family name. Failure to mail or deliver the said notice shall be punished by a fine not exceeding twenty-five dollars for each offence. The notice required by this section need not be given if the notice required by the following section is given within forty-eight hours after the birth occurs.

Section 2. Physicians and midwives shall make and keep a record of the birth of every child in cases of which they were in charge and shall, within fifteen days after the birth, mail or deliver to the clerk or registrar of the city or town in which the birth occurred a report of the birth, stating the date and place, the name, if any, of the child, its sex and color, and the names, ages, places of birth, occupations and residence of the parents, giving the street number, if there be any, and the number of the ward in a city, the maiden name of the mother, and whether or not the physician or midwife signing the birth return personally attended the birth. If the child is illegitimate, the name and other facts relating to the father shall not be stated except at the request in writing of both the father and mother filed with the return. The record to be kept by the physician or midwife, as above provided, shall also contain the facts hereby required to be reported to the city or town clerk. The fee of the physician or midwife shall be twenty-five cents for every birth so reported, which shall be paid by the city or town where the report is made, upon presentation to the city or town treasurer of a certificate

from the city or town clerk stating that the said birth has been properly reported to him. The report required to be made by this section is in addition to the report required to be made by the preceding section, and as above provided, if made within forty-eight hours of the birth, the report required by the preceding section shall not be required. A physician or midwife who neglects to make and keep the record hereby required or who neglects to report in the manner specified above each birth within fifteen days thereafter, shall for each offense forfeit a sum not exceeding twenty-five dollars. The city or town clerk or registrar shall file daily with the local board of health a list of all births reported to him, giving the following facts: date of birth, sex, color, family name, residence, ward, physician or midwife.

Section 6. Parents within forty days after the birth of a child, and every household, within forty days after the birth in his house, shall cause notice thereof to be given to the clerk of the city or town in which such child is born.

Blanks can be obtained on application to the town clerk.

Respectfully submitted,

WM. H. JORDAN,

Town Clerk.

TREASURER'S REPORT, 1926.

WM. H. JORDAN, Treasurer, in account with

THE TOWN OF HOPEDALE.

To balance from 1925 account	\$58,241 42
Collector of taxes, 1926 account	96,659 73
Collector of Taxes, sewer tax ...	290 00
Massachusetts, State of	
Corporation Tax, public service, 1925 account	13 17
Corporation Tax, public service, 1926 account	1,610 27
Corporation Tax, business, 1925 account	2,074 31
Corporation Tax, business, 1926 account	22,318 00
Bank Tax, 1923 account	52 37
Bank Tax, 1926 account	1,973 50
Trust Company Tax, 1926 account	115 37
Income Tax, 1923 account	193 50
Income Tax, 1924 account	245 10
Income Tax, 1925 account	545 00
Income Tax, 1926 account	29,031 07
State Aid, 1925 account	42 00
Tuition State Wards, School account	831 52
Vocational Training, Incidental account	1 20
Street Railway tax, Highway account	1 65

Borrowed Money:

First National Bank, Boston	50,000 00
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Cemetery:

Albee Lot, Trust fund income ..	3 12
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Whitney Lot, Trust fund income	4 16
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Court fines	9 00
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Fire Department:

Sundries, 1926 account	126 06
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Highway Department:

Sundries, 1926 account	1,509 52
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Incidental Department:

Bowling alley and pool table licenses	7 00
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Bus licenses	19 00
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Junk licenses	20 00
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Oleomargarine licenses	1 00
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Pedlar's licenses	36 00
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Sealer of Weights and Measures, fees of	66 23
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Interest:

On Bank deposits	1,158 67
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On Trust funds	1,914 47
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Library Department:

Dog licenses	305 55
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Fines, sale of books, etc.	167 76
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Trust fund income	1,474 31
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Park Department:

Sundries, 1926 account	157 00
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Trust fund income	86 38
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Poor Department

Sundries, 1925 order returned...	15 00
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Trust fund income	238 10
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School Department:

Sundries, 1926 account	1,194 14
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Town Hall:

Rents, 1926 account	2,298 01
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Tree Warden Department:

Sundries, 1926 account	1,215 11
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Trust Fund:

Ruth Day Williams Est., Library account	18,415 25
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By amounts paid:

Borrowed money	\$50,000 00
Board of Health	855 69
Cemetery	50 00
County Taxes	9,775 00
Fire Department	28,388 19
Highway Department	31,168 48
Incidental Department	3,767 17
Insurance	1,992 85
Interest on Trust Funds	1,914 47
Interest on Borrowed Money	711 62
Library Department	5,653 87
Memorial Day	220 00
Park Department	4,452 27
Poor Department	6,453 86
Police Department	4,969 33
State Taxes	13,080 00
School Department	56,611 87
Town Hall account	3,461 58
Tree Warden Department	2,603 22
Trust Fund Investments	18,415 25
Balance	50,135 60

\$294,680 02	\$294,680 02
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SUMMARY OF APPROPRIATIONS, TRANSFERS, CASH
RECEIPTS AND BALANCES FOR YEAR ENDING
DECEMBER 31, 1926.

	Sundry Receipts of Depts.	Appro- priations and Transfers.	Expended.	Unexpended.
Fire Department:—				
General Account	\$ 126 06	\$9,500 00	\$ 9,495 95	\$ 4 05
New Hose		600 00	600 00	
Brush Fires		200 00	192 24	7 76
Hydrants		4,100 00	4,100 00	
New Pump		14,000 00	14,000 00	
Poor Department, including				
Dependent Mothers' Account	253 10	7,738 10	6,453 56	1,284 54
Library Department	1,947 62	5,657 43	5,653 87	3 56
School Department:—				
General Account	2,025 66	53,500 00	53,307 87	192 13
New High School		4,000 00	3,304 00	696 00
Fire Escapes		2,500 00		2,500 00
Highway Department:—				
General Account	1,511 17	22,000 00	21,746 69	253 31
Hope Street Bridge		2,942 12	2,076 96	865 16
Special Street Repairs		2,560 04	2,551 07	8 97
Street Lighting		4,800 00	4,793 76	6 24
Park Department	243 38	5,086 38	4,452 27	634 11
Incidental Department				
Sundries:	159 43	4,500 00	3,767 17	732 83
Board of Health		1,000 00	855 69	144 31
Memorial Day		220 00	220 00	
Interest on Bank Deposits	1,158 67			
Interest on Trust Funds	1,914 47	1,914 47	1,914 47	
Town Hall Account	2,298 01	4,000 00	3,461 58	538 42
State Tax		13,080 00	13,080 00	
County Tax		9,775 00	9,775 00	
Tree Warden Account	1,215 11	2,900 00	2,603 22	296 78
Incidental Department:				
Police		5,000 00	4,969 33	30 67
Insurance		2,000 00	1,992 85	7 15
Cemetery	7 28	63 58	50 00	13 58
State Aid	42 00	150 00		150 00
Interest		711 62	711 62	
Trust Funds	18,415 25	18,415 25	18,415 25	
Borrowed Money	50,000 00	50,000 00	50,000 00	
State of Massachusetts	58,171 66			
Collector	96,949 73			
	\$236,438 60	\$252,913 99	\$244,544 42	\$8,369 57

Balance on hand January 1, 1926 .. \$58,241 42

Total receipts for year 236,438 60

\$294,680 02

Total Cash Expenditures on 1926
account

244,544 42

Balance to General Fund as shown
in cash report

\$50,135 60

REPORT OF TRUST FUNDS

For The Year Ending December 31, 1926.

LIBRARY DEPARTMENT.

By balance from last account	\$39,531 65
Cash and securities from Est. Ruth	
Day Williams	18,415 25
To 7100 Chi. Milw. & St. Paul, Conv.	
5's, 2014	\$7,249 26
5000 Chi. Milw. & St. Paul, Ref'g.	
4 1-2's, 2014	4,425 00
8000 Am. Tel. & Tel. 5's, 1953	7,776 00
7000 Anaconda Copper Co., 6's, 1953 ..	7,113 75
6000 Southern Ry. 4's, 1956	4,812 00
8000 U. K. Gt. B. & I., 5 1-2's, 1937	8,080 00
1000 Detroit Edison 1st & Ref'g.	
Mtge. 6's, 1940	1,075 00
1000 U. K. Gt. B. & I., 5 1-2's, 1937	1,048 75
13 shares Am. T. & T. Capital Stock	1,823 25
1 share Congress St. Associates	50 00
30 shares Draper Corp. Capital Stock	1,965 00
19 shares Gen. Elec. Spec. Stock	
par \$10.00	218 50
6 shares Swift & Co., Capital Stock..	673 50
12 shares U. S. Steel Preferred.....	1,560 00
15 shares W. U. Tel. Co. Cap. Stock	2,201 25
Deposit 1st National Bank, Boston	7,800 00
Deposit Milford Savings Bank	75 64

\$57,946 90 \$57,946 90

DETAIL OF LIBRARY TRUST FUND.

Joseph B. Bancroft, Bancroft Fund	\$1,095 60
Estate Joseph B. Bancroft, Bancroft fund	1,095 60
Lilla B. Bracken, Sarah M. Whipple fund	1,095 60
Estate Lura B. Day, Bancroft-Day fund	5,305 94
Estate Lura B. Day, Joseph B. and Sylvia W. Bancroft fund	21,223 76
Estate Frances E. Colburn, Frances E. Colburn fund	9,715 15
Estate Ruth Day Williams, Bancroft- Day fund	18,415 25
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	\$57,946 90

POOR DEPARTMENT.

By balance from last account	\$5,085 93
To 2000 Anac. Copper Co., 6's, 1953 ...	\$2,032 50
1000 Amer. Tel. & Tel. 5's, 1960	972 00
1000 Southern Ry., 4's, 1956	802 00
1000 U. K. Gt. B. & I., 5 1-2's, 1937	1,010 00
Deposit Milford Savings Bank	269 43
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	\$5,085 93 \$5,085 93

DETAIL OF POOR DEPARTMENT TRUST FUND.

Estate Jessie Preston Draper	\$5,085 93
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PARK DEPARTMENT.

By balance from last account		\$1,666 38
To 1000 U. K. of Gt. B. & I., 5 1-2's,		
1937	\$1,010 00	
500 Amer. Tel. & Tel., 5's, 1960	486 00	
Deposit Milford Savings Bank	170 38	
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	\$1,666 38	\$1,666 38

DETAIL OF PARK TRUST FUND.

William F., George A. and Eben S.	
Draper	\$1,666 38

HOPEDALE VILLAGE CEMETERY.

PERPETUAL CARE FUND.

By balance from last account		\$2,448 46
To 1000 Anac. Copper Co., 6's, 1953 ...	\$1,016 25	
1000 Southern Ry., 4's, 1956	802 00	
500 Amer. Tel. & Tel., 5's, 1960	486 00	
Deposit Milford Savings Bank	144 21	
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	\$2,448 46	\$2,448 46

DETAIL OF CEMETERY TRUST FUND.

Burlingame Lot	\$111 10
Sarah M. Whipple	111 10
Sally Whipple	111 10
Margaret Humphrey	277 72
Joseph B. Bancroft	555 45
Frank J. and Grace M. Dutcher	166 63
S. B. Holbrook	111 10
L. H. Ballou	222 18
Mary Draper	15 55

A. T. Field, account Thwing Lot	166 63
P. W. Moody, account Lot No. 45	55 54
W. G. Comstock	55 54
Mary J. Jacques	111 10
J. A. Edmands	111 10
George Scriven	72 20
George H. Cole	111 10
Frank H. French	83 32
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	\$2,448 46

TOWN CEMETERY.

PERPETUAL CARE FUND.

By balance from last account	\$194 41
To deposit Milford Savings Bank	\$194 41
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	\$194 41 \$194 41

DETAIL OF TOWN CEMETERY FUNDS.

Estate of Emily Albee	\$83 31
Estate of Medora Whitney	111 10
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	\$194 41

SUMMARY OF ALL FUNDS

FOR YEAR ENDING DECEMBER 31, 1926.

Library Dept.	\$57,946 90
Poor Dept.	5,085 93
Park Dept.	1,666 38
Hopedale Village Cemetery	2,448 46
Town Cemetery	194 41

INVESTMENTS.

12100 Chi. Mil. & St. P. Bonds, 2014...	\$11,674 26
10000 Amer. Tel. & Tel. Bonds, 1960..	9,720 00
10000 U. K. of Gt. B. & I. Bonds, 1937	10,100 00
10000 Anac. Cop. Co. Bonds, 1953 ...	10,162 50
8000 Southern Ry. Bonds, 1956	6,416 00
1000 Detroit Edison 1st & Ref'g. Mtge. 6's, 1940	1,075 00
1000 U. K. Gt. B. & I., 5 1-2's, 1937 ..	1,048 75
13 shares Am. T. & T. Capital Stock	1,823 25
1 share Congress St. Associates	50 00
30 shares Draper Corp. Capital Stock	1,965 00
19 shares Gen. Elec. Spec. Stock, par \$10.00	218 50
6 shares Swift & Co. Capital Stock	\$673 50
12 shares U. S. Steel Preferred	1,560 00
15 shares W. U. Tel. Co. Cap. Stock	2,201 25
Deposit 1st National Bank, Boston	7,800 00
Deposit in Milford Savings Bank	854 07

\$67,342 08 \$67,342 08

Income from Investments for Year end- ing December 31, 1926	\$1,914 47
Paid Hopedale Village Cemetery	\$108 40
Paid Incidental account Town Cemetery	7 28
Paid Park Dept.	86 38
Paid Poor Dept.	238 10
Paid Library Dept.	1,474 31

\$1,914 47 \$1,914 47

During the year an audit of the accounts of the Town of Hopedale was made by the Division of Accounts of the State of Massachusetts in accordance with the provisions of Chapter 44 of the General Laws.

Respectfully submitted,

WM. H. JORDAN,

Treasurer.

REPORT OF THE SELECTMEN

For the Year Ending December 31, 1926.

INCIDENTAL ACCOUNT.

By Appropriation \$4,500 00

To Selectmen :

Salaries	\$225 00	
Expenses	97 76	
	_____	\$322 76

Treasurer :

Salary	\$100 00	
Bond	100 00	
Expenses	29 22	
	_____	\$229 22

Town Clerk :

Salary	\$50 00	
Expenses	18 54	
	_____	\$68 54

Tax Collector :

Salary	\$275 00	
Bond \$100, less credit		
on collection	50 00	
Expenses	75 50	
	_____	\$400 50

Assessors :

Salaries	\$250 00	
Expenses	484 12	
	_____	\$734 12

Elections and Registrations:

Salaries	\$110 00	
Expenses	222 55	
	<hr/>	\$332 55

Law:

Town Counsel	\$500 00	
Expenses	229 25	
	<hr/>	\$729 25

Inspection:

Salaries	\$125 00	
Expenses	34 39	
	<hr/>	\$159 39

Auditor:

Salary	\$50 00
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Sundry and Unclassified:

Printing Town Reports	\$362 00	
Sepia Paper for Town Reports	7 21	
Certification of Town Notes	6 00	
Refund to State, Income Corporation Tax	1 29	
Taxes Refunded	2 00	
Soldiers' Exemption ..	21 69	
Refund Trust Co. tax	73 65	
Police Uniforms	267 00	
	<hr/>	\$740 84

Unexpended Balance

732 83

 \$4,500 00 \$4,500 00

POLICE.

By Appropriation		\$5,000 00
To Salaries	\$4,885 75	
Expenses	83 58	
Unexpended Balance	30 67	
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		\$5,000 00 \$5,000 00

INSURANCE.

By Appropriation		\$2,000 00
To Orders Drawn	\$1,992 85	
Unexpended Balance	7 15	
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		\$2,000 00 \$2,000 00

CEMETERIES.

By Appropriation		\$50 00
Unexpended Balance, 1925		6 30
Trust Fund Interest		7 28
To Orders Drawn	\$50 00	
Unexpended Balance	13 58	
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		\$68 58 \$68 58

TOWN HALL.

By Appropriation		\$4,000 00
To Janitors' Salaries	\$1,378 00	
Heating	858 20	
Lighting	331 72	
Water	80 97	
Repairs	812 69	
Unexpended Balance	538 42	
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		\$4,000 00 \$4,000 00

STATE AID.

By Appropriation		\$150 00
To Orders Drawn	00	
Unexpended Balance	150 00	
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	\$150 00	\$150 00

MEMORIAL DAY.

By Appropriation		\$220 00
To Post 22, G. A. R.	\$100 00	
Post 267, A. L.	100 00	
Spanish War Veterans	20 00	
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	\$220 00	\$220 00

INTEREST ON INVESTED TRUST FUNDS.

By Interest from Trust Funds		\$1,914 47
To Hopedale Village Cemetery	\$108 40	
South Hopedale Cemetery	7 28	
Park Department	86 38	
Poor Department	238 10	
Library Department	1,474 31	
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	\$1,914 47	\$1,914 47

TAXES.

By Appropriation		\$22,855 00
To State Tax	\$13,080 00	
County Tax	9,775 00	
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	\$22,855 00	\$22,855 00

C. F. AUSTIN,
A. A. WESTCOTT,

Selectmen.

REPORT OF THE TREE WARDEN

For the Year Ending December 31, 1926.

By Appropriation, including suppression of Gypsy and Brown Tail Moths		\$2,900 00
To Tools	\$47 98	
To Incidentals	32 25	
To Teaming	209 50	
To Spraying and Moth Material	287 75	
To Repairs on Spraying Machines and Tools	161 76	
To Trees	151 50	
To Labor	1,712 48	
To Balance Unexpended	296 78	
		\$2,900 00 \$2,900 00

There was returned to the Town Treasurer
for work done for outside parties in 1926.. \$1,215 11

FRANK S. CLARK,
Tree Warden.

REPORT OF THE BOARD OF HEALTH

For the Year Ending December 31, 1926.

By Appropriation		\$1,000 00
To Vital Statistics	\$104 00	
Quarantine	84 00	
Worcester County Tuberculosis Hos- pital	604 62	
Expenses	63 07	
Unexpended Balance	144 31	
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	\$1,000 00	\$1,000 00

C. F. AUSTIN,

A. A. WESTCOTT,

Board of Health.

REPORT OF
THE OVERSEERS OF THE POOR
For the Year Ending December 31, 1926.

By Appropriation	\$7,500 00
Interest on Trust Fund	238 10
To Outside Relief:	
In private families	\$4,965 44
In Hospitals	72 79
Mother's Aid:	
Rendered by this town (one-third to be refunded by State)	1,811 33
Unexpended Balance	888 54
	\$7,738 10 \$7,738 10

C. F. AUSTIN,
A. A. WESTCOTT,
Overseers of the Poor.

REPORT OF FENCE VIEWERS
For the Year Ending December 31, 1926.

No complaints.

C. F. AUSTIN,
A. A. WESTCOTT,
Fence Viewers.

APPRAISEMENT OF TOWN PROPERTY,
DECEMBER 31, 1926.

Town House	\$80,000 00
Town House lot	1,000 00
Town House, store fixtures	100 00
Town House, post office equipment	1,200 00
Pest House and lot	1,000 00

SCHOOLS.

School House, Hopedale Street	\$40,000 00
School House, lot, 1-2 acre	600 00
School House, South Hopedale	3,500 00
School House, lot, 1 acre	300 00
School House, Dutcher Street	70,000 00
School House, lot, 1 acre	1,200 00
School House, Park Street	60,000 00
School House, lot, Park Street	1,000 00
High School Building	60,000 00
High School Building, land, 3 acres	1,000 00

LIBRARY.

Bancroft Memorial Library (Building)	\$50,000 00
Public Library (Books and Fixtures)	30,500 00
Mrs. Susan Preston Draper fountain	15,000 00
Library lot	2,000 00

PARK.

Band Stand	\$1,800 00
Comfort Station	1,200 00
Bath House	1,200 00
Tool House	200 00
Darling Hill Shelter	300 00
Fisherman's Island Shelter	500 00
Maroney Grove Shelter	500 00
Land, 262 acres	20,500 00

FIRE.

Apparatus	\$26,000 00
New Fire Station	40,000 00
New Fire Station lot	2,000 00

POLICE.

Equipment	\$300 00
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TREE WARDEN.

Spraying Outfit	\$800 00
Small tools and materials	100 00

HIGHWAY PROPERTY.

Stone Crusher and Electric Motor	\$1,500 00
Five Snow Plows	75 00
Small Tools	75 00
2 Watering Carts	50 00
Buildings and Land	2,000 00
Road Machine	75 00
Road Machine	150 00
Sweeper	50 00
Steam Roller	1,000 00
Tractor and Two Plows	1,500 00
3 Ton Auto Truck and Equipment	2,000 00
2 Ton Auto Truck	700 00
1 Ford Truck	250 00

C. F. AUSTIN,

A. A. WESTCOTT,

Selectmen of Hopedale.

REPORT OF
SEALER OF WEIGHTS AND MEASURES
For the Year Ending December 31, 1926.

I have tested and sealed the following scales, weights and measures:

- 18 Platform scales over 5,000 lbs.
- 54 Platform scales under 5,000 lbs.
- 4 Computing scales.
- 32 Counter scales.
- 5 Spring scales.
- 7 Ice scales.
- 1 Apothecary scale.
- 348 Weights.
- 25 Liquid measures.
- 4 Yard sticks.
- 8 Measuring pumps.

I have adjusted the following:

- 2 Platform scales over 5,000 lbs.
- 3 Platform scales under 5,000 lbs.

I have inspected:

- 6 Milk wagons.
- 2 Junk wagons.
- 23 Peddlers' licenses.

I have collected in fees and turned over to the town, \$66.23.

Respectfully submitted,

CHARLES W. WHEELER,

Sealer of Weights and Measures.

REPORT OF INSPECTOR OF ANIMALS.

For the Year Ending December 31, 1926.

Hopedale, Mass., Dec. 31, 1926.

TO THE BOARD OF SELECTMEN OF HOPEDALE:—

Gentlemen:—I submit to you my report for the year as Inspector. An inspection of all cattle and swine and the premises where the same are kept, was made during the year 1926 and report sent to the State. One cow was quarantined for Tuberculosis and taken by the State.

Respectfully submitted,

ALFRED W. LAMB,

Inspector of Animals.

REPORT OF
INSPECTOR OF SLAUGHTERING
For the Year Ending December 31, 1926.

Hopedale, Mass., Dec. 31, 1926.

TO THE BOARD OF SELECTMEN OF HOPEDALE:—

Gentlemen:—I submit to you my report as Inspector of Slaughtering. Made eight (8) inspections, and passed the same.

Respectfully submitted,

ALFRED W. LAMB,

Inspector of Slaughtering.

ROAD COMMISSIONERS' REPORT

For the Year Ending December 31, 1926.

GENERAL ACCOUNT.

By Appropriations \$22,000 00

Expenditures:

Labor—General:

Supervision	\$2,492 97	
Repairing Streets and Roads ..	2,824 82	
Sidewalk Repairs	331 59	
Cleaning Streets	1,721 75	
Snow Removal	1,954 79	
Cleaning Yard	375 35	
Storing Trap Rock	124 55	
Stone Crusher	411 30	
Jobbing and Miscellaneous ...	470 10	
	<hr/>	\$10,707 22

Material—Supplies, etc.:

Tarvia	\$1,487 87	
Trap Rock, Sand, Gravel and Cinders	1,048 60	
Small Tools and Supplies	599 22	
Street Signs and Signals	55 78	
State Highway Maintenance ..	465 42	
Electric Current—Stone Crusher	157 57	
	<hr/>	\$3,814 46

Truck Maintenance:

New Tractor	\$1,550 00	
Gasoline and Oil	852 72	
Tires	110 84	
Repairs, Supplies, etc.	613 63	
Insurance	98 68	
	<hr/>	\$3,225 87

General Expense:

Sewer Fees and Flushing Sewers	180 00	
Telephone, Lights and Water	89 91	
Clerical	50 00	
	<hr/>	\$319 91

South Main Street Improvements:

Tarvia, Gravel, etc.	\$1,346 70	
Labor and Supervision	867 60	
	<hr/>	\$2,214 30

Prospect Street Improvements:

Tarvia, Trap Rock, etc.	\$799 43	
Labor and Supervision	665 50	
	<hr/>	\$1,464 93

Total Expenditures	\$21,746 69
Balance Unexpended	253 31

SPECIAL STREET REPAIRS—SOUTH END.

Balance from 1925	\$2,560 04
Tarvia and Trap Rock	\$1,195 80
Cinders	215 00
Culvert	25 92
Labor and Supervision	949 35
Blasting	165 00
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	\$2,551 07
Balance Unexpended	8 97

HOPE STREET BRIDGE REPAIRS.

Balance from 1925		\$2,942 12
Lumber	\$1,234 20	
Tarvia, etc.	215 56	
Labor and Supervision	627 20	
	<hr/>	\$2,076 96
Balance Unexpended		\$865 16

STREET LIGHTING.

By Appropriation		\$4,800 00
Electric Current Service	\$4,793 76	
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Balance Unexpended		6 24

CHARLES E. PIERCE,
DANA OSGOOD,
G. RUSSELL GOFF,

Road Commissioners.

REPORT OF THE
ENGINEERS OF THE FIRE DEPARTMENT
For the Year Ending December 31, 1926.

By Appropriation		\$9,500 00
To Pay Roll	\$6,688 60	
Fuel	809 78	
Water	141 56	
Light	167 36	
Alarm	268 26	
Apparatus	998 49	
Telephone	99 56	
Sundries	322 34	
Unexpended Balance	4 05	
	\$9,500 00	\$9,500 00

HOSE.

By Appropriation		\$600 00
To J. M. Hardy	\$600 00	
	\$600 00	\$600 00

BRUSH FIRES.

By Appropriation		\$200 00
To Pay of Firemen	\$128 14	
Knox Motors Asso.	8 20	

Milford Battery Service Station	11 50	
H. Patrick Co., soda	14 00	
Standard Oil Co.	15 40	
Incidentals	15 00	
Unexpended Balance	7 76	
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	\$200 00	\$200 00

HYDRANTS.

By Appropriation	\$4,100 00	
To Milford Water Co.	\$4,100 00	
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	\$4,100 00	\$4,100 00

NEW PUMP.

By Appropriation	\$14,000 00	
To Ahrens-Fox Fire Engine Co.	\$14,000 00	
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	\$14,000 00	\$14,000 00

ROSTER OF FIRE DEPARTMENT,

1926.

BOARD OF ENGINEERS.

Samuel E. Kellogg, Chief,

A. W. Lamb, Asst. Chief,

F. G. Crockett, Second Asst.

Clerk for Engineers—William Ferguson.

MEMBERS.

Ladder No. 1.

C. W. Wheeler, Captain	L. Cyr
J. J. Grant, Lieutenant	E. Forster
D. A. Sanborn, Clerk-Treas.	C. Barrows, Sub.
R. A. Sadler	A. Howarth, Sub.
D. Lescoe	

Combination No. 1.

J. A. Monehan, Captain	H. Scanlon
W. E. Taylor, Lieutenant	H. E. Lutz
Geo. A. Fuller, Clerk-Treas.	M. E. Tumey
G. G. Bayley	H. Lord
Fred Lee	R. Brown, Sub.
R. E. Hayward	W. Thomas, Sub.

Chemical No. 1.

W. E. Whitney, Captain	Clayton Brown
J. A. Hanley, Lieut.-Treas.	J. E. Allen
G. P. Shepherd, Clerk	W. Shanahan, Sub.
H. P. Crawford	M. Doxey, Sub.
C. A. Young	J. Creamer, Sub.
V. Yorke	

Caretakers.

A. W. Lamb	Lynn Williams
J. E. Wallace	

Spare Drivers.

M. J. Creamer	L. W. Barrows
G. A. Fuller	J. E. Allen
Victor Yorke	M. Doxey
R. E. Hayward	J. Creamer
Harold Lord	R. Brown
Clayton Brown	

RECORD OF FIRES, 1926.

Jan.	13.	11.45 A.M.	Still Alarm.	Water Meade's auto-mobile.
Jan.	21.	9.15 A.M.	Still Alarm.	Chimney Fire, residence Mrs. M. J. Stearns, 106 Mendon Street.
Jan.	22.	9.30 A.M.	Still Alarm.	Clean chimney at 106 Mendon Street.
Jan.	23.	9.45 A.M.	Still Alarm.	Fire in kitchen, residence Geo. F. Parker, Lake St.
Jan.	29.	9.45 A.M.	Still Alarm.	Residence of Mr. J. Lamond, 118 Jones Rd.
Feb.	1.	7.45 P.M.	Still Alarm.	Chimney Fire, Brae Burn Inn.
Feb.	11.	4.00 P.M.	Still Alarm.	Mattress at residence of Leon Hammond, 8 Union St.
Mar.	10.	11.15 A.M.	Still Alarm.	Chimney Fire, residence L. Mahar, 110 Freedom St.
Mar.	17.	5.05 P.M.	Box No. 37.	Print Shop of H. C. Forbes.
Mar.	29.	9.45 A.M.	Still Alarm.	Grass Fire on Williams Street.
Mar.	29.	3.45 P.M.	Still Alarm.	Grass Fire on Freedom Street.
Mar.	29.	6.30 P.M.	Still Alarm.	Grass Fire back of Town Hall.
Apr.	1.	1.00 P.M.	Still Alarm.	Chimney Fire, residence Mr. E. F. McMann, 15 Dutcher St.
Apr.	10.	11.15 A.M.	Still Alarm.	Grass Fire on Dutcher Street.
Apr.	11.	3.00 P.M.	Still Alarm.	Grass Fire on Daniels Street.

Apr.	14.	4.30 P.M.	Still Alarm.	Grass Fire on Hopedale Street.
Apr.	15.	1.30 P.M.	Still Alarm.	Brush Fire near Stone Crusher.
Apr.	16.	11.40 A.M.	Still Alarm.	Chimney Fire, residence of Mr. Varnum, Gleason's Corner.
Apr.	17.	11.50 A.M.	Still Alarm.	Chimney Fire, residence of Mr. Sweet, 106 Mill St.
Apr.	19.	1.30 P.M.	Still Alarm.	Brush Fire on Prospect St.
Apr.	19.	2.30 P.M.	Still Alarm.	Grass Fire on Dutcher St.
Apr.	22.	2.45 P.M.	Still Alarm.	Brush Fire near Stone Crusher.
Apr.	22.	2.30 P.M.	Still Alarm.	Chimney Fire, Remick House on Hartford Ave.
Apr.	22.	4.00 P.M.	Still Alarm.	Truck on Dutcher St.
Apr.	27.	5.15 P.M.	Still Alarm.	Brush Fire on Prospect St.
May	7.	5.15 P.M.	Still Alarm.	Brush Fire Bancroft Pk.
May	25.	4.45 P.M.	Still Alarm.	Brush Fire on Prospect St.
May	28.	4.30 P.M.	Still Alarm.	Brush Fire, Bancroft Pk.
May	29.	5.00 A.M.	Box No. 57.	Mr. C. H. Draper's Laundry.
May	29.	2.00 P.M.	Still Alarm.	Brush Fire in Spindleville.
May	29.	5.30 P.M.	Still Alarm.	Brush Fire in Spindleville.
May	29.	6.30 P.M.	Still Alarm.	Brush Fire, Bancroft Pk.
June	11.	11.00 P.M.	Still Alarm.	Barn in Bellingham.
June	12.	12.15 P.M.	Still Alarm.	Chimney Fire, residence Mr. James Tarpey, 98 Freedom St.

June	12.	1.30 P.M.	Still Alarm.	Dump Fire, rear of Stone Crusher.
June	13.	12.30 A.M.	Still Alarm.	Dump Fire, near Freedom Street.
June	18.	2.30 P.M.	Still Alarm.	Brush Fire on Fisherman's Island.
June	20.	8.45 P.M.	Still Alarm.	Chimney Fire, residence of Mr. Victor W. Collier, Highland St.
June	22.	7.10 A.M.	Still Alarm.	Dump Fire, near Freedom St.
June	22.	10.30 A.M.	Still Alarm.	Automobile on Freedom St.
June	25.	11.40 A.M.	Still Alarm.	Brush Fire on Prospect St.
July	4.	12.05 A.M.	Box No. 64.	False Alarm.
July	4.	10.15 P.M.	Box No. 39.	False Alarm.
July	14.	12.30 A.M.	Still Alarm.	Dump rear of Hopedale Mfg. Company.
July	19.	6.00 P.M.	Still Alarm.	O. L. Lurvey's automobile on Dutcher St.
July	22.	4.15 A.M.	Still Alarm.	Dump Fire, near Freedom St.
Aug.	7.	2.30 P.M.	Still Alarm.	Dump Fire, near Freedom St.
Sept.	15.	4.15 P.M.	Still Alarm.	Out-house at A. A. Westcott & Sons Co.
Oct.	20.	8.30 A.M.	Box No. 62.	Automobile of Mr. Burdett, on Mendon St.
Oct.	20.	4.15 P.M.	Still Alarm.	Chimney Fire, residence of Mr. H. Simmons on Mill St.
Oct.	21.	10.30 A.M.	Still Alarm.	Chimney Fire, Community House.
Nov.	3.	8.00 P.M.	Still Alarm.	Residence of F. Nash, Bellingham.

Nov. 13. 7.05 A.M. Box No. 25. Test.
 Nov. 14. 11.00 P.M. Still Alarm. Electric Car on Hopedale St.
 Dec. 3. 6.15 P.M. Still Alarm. Chimney Fire, residence of Mr. C. F. Butterworth on Hopedale St.
 Dec. 28. 10.45 A.M. Box No. 57. Residence of Mr. C. H. Draper.

PROPERTY.

Combination No. 1	\$14,000 00
Combination No. 2	2,500 00
Chemical No. 1	3,500 00
Ladder No. 1	8,500 00
Forest Fire Truck	800 00
Chief's Car	300 00
Fire Alarm Telegraph	5,500 00
Hose, 6500 feet in good condition	3,000 00
Extinguishers, Supplies, etc.	500 00

1926.

HOPEDALE

FIRE ALARM TELEGRAPH SYSTEM.

Box.

25. Draper Corp. Yard—Shipping Platform.
26. Hopedale Street—Opposite Union.
27. Dutcher Street—Central Station.
32. Union Street—Corner of Prospect.
33. Dutcher Street—Corner of Freedom.
35. Northrop Street—Corner of Freedom.
36. Northrop Street—Opposite Roper Shop.
37. Dutcher Street—Corner of Dennett.
38. Dutcher Street—Opposite F. E. Douglas'.
39. Dutcher Street—Opposite C. E. Nutting's.
42. Bancroft Park—West Side.
43. Lake Street—South Side.
45. Freedom Street—West of Bridge.
46. Hope Street—Near Hopedale Coal & Ice Co. Office.
53. Hopedale Street—Corner of Adin.
57. Adin Street—Opposite E. S. Draper's.
59. Mendon Street—Near Turnout.
62. Mendon Street—Corner of Hopedale.
64. Westcott's Mills—Spindleville.
65. Mendon Street—Corner of Hill Street.
72. Blanchard's Corner, South Hopedale (Tel. Box).
74. Green Store, South Hopedale (Tel. Box).

SIGNALS.

1 Blast—Chief of Department or Squad Call.

2 Blasts—All Out or Recall.

8 Forest Fire or House Call.

Box Tests Saturdays at 5.30 P. M.—One Round.

Telephone Calls—Central Station 670

S. E. Kellogg, Chief 248

S. E. KELLOGG,

A. W. LAMB,

F. G. CROCKETT,

Board of Fire Engineers.

ASSESSORS' REPORT

For the Year Ending December 31, 1926.

Valuation of Real Estate, excluding land	\$2,029,850 00
Valuation of Real Estate, excluding buildings	351,231 00
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Total value of Real Estate	\$2,381,081 00
Valuation of Personal Estate	1,924,004 00
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Total valuation	\$4,305,085 00
Tax Rate per \$1000	\$22 00
Tax on Property	\$94,711 87
Number of Polls assessed ...	983
Tax on each Poll	2 00
Tax on Polls	1,966 00
Total amount raised by taxation	\$96,677 87
Corporation and Public Service, 1925	13 17
Corporation and Public Service, 1926	1,610 27
Corporation Tax, Business, 1925	2,074 31
Corporation Tax, Business, 1926	22,318 00
Street Railway Tax, 1926	1 65
Bank Tax, 1923	52 37
Bank Tax, 1926	1,973 50
Trust Company Tax, 1926	115 37
Income Tax, 1923	193 50
Income Tax, 1924	245 10
Income Tax, 1925	545 00
Income Tax, 1926	29,031 07
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	\$154,851 18

Number of persons assessed	1,170
Number of persons assessed on property	626
Number of persons assessed for poll tax only ..	544
Number of polls assessed	983
Number of horses assessed	24
Number of cows assessed	50
Number of neat cattle assessed	8
Number of fowl assessed	995
Number of swine assessed	11
Number of dwelling houses assessed	568
Acres of land assessed	2,909
Population	2,988

GEORGE W. LUNT,
WILLIAM W. KNIGHTS,
EDWIN A. DARLING,

Assessors.

COLLECTOR'S REPORT.

1926 TAXES.

To committed for collection	\$96,677 87	
Interest collected	11 46	
Fees collected	20 75	
By cash paid W. H. Jordan, Treas.....		\$96,659 73
Taxes abated		50 35
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	\$96,710 08	\$96,710 08

SEWER ASSESSMENTS.

Committed for collection	\$290 00	
By cash paid W. H. Jordan, Treas.....		\$290 00
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	\$290 00	\$290 00

EUGENE S. NEWHALL,

Collector.

AUDITOR'S REPORT.

I have examined the books of the different Departments of the Town of Hopedale and find that the disbursements are covered by paid bills which correspond with the orders drawn on, and paid by, the Town Treasurer.

The Treasurer's books show a correct balance between receipts and disbursements. The record of the receipts I have checked wherever possible with the sources from which money was paid to the Town Treasurer. The payments were checked with the orders authorizing the disbursement of the town funds. I have verified the cash balance on hand as of December 31, 1926 by a reconciliation of the accounts with the statements furnished by the banks.

I have also examined the accounts of the Tax Collector and find them to be correct.

In accordance with Section 53 of Chapter 41 of the General Laws, as amended, I have examined and checked the securities and savings bank accounts representing the investment of the Trust Funds in the custody of the Town Treasurer, and find that they are as stated in the Town Treasurer's report on trust funds

Respectfully submitted.

ALFRED A. LOVEJOY, Jr.

Auditor.

Forty-first Annual Report

OF THE

SCHOOL COMMITTEE

OF THE

TOWN OF HOPEDALE

MASSACHUSETTS

1926

SCHOOL COMMITTEE.

J. L. REMINGTON, Secretary	1927
FRANK J. DUTCHER, Chairman	1928
HARRIET B. SORNBORGER	1929

CARROL H. DROWN, Superintendent.

Office Hours:

Dutcher Street, Building, Thursday 3 to 6.

AUTHORIZED TO GRANT SCHOOL CERTIFICATES.

CARROLL H. DROWN.

SCHOOL PHYSICIAN.

C. C. WEYMOUTH, M. D.

SCHOOL NURSE .

MARIE A. COSSETTE, R. N.

REPORT.

FINANCIAL STATEMENT.

AVAILABLE FOR SCHOOL DEPARTMENT.

March Appropriations	\$52,500 00	
	1,000 00	
	<hr/>	\$53,500 00

ORDERS DRAWN ON TOWN TREASURER.

Committee Expenses:—

Reports, printing, clerical, etc.	\$422 82
Supervision	1,575 00
Superintendent's expenses, car fares, etc.	263 21
Teaching	34,078 05
Text Books	1,153 68
Supplies	950 64

Incidentals:

Apparatus, chemicals, materials for Manual Training, sewing, cooking, etc.	811 71
Care of buildings	3,621 70
Fuel	4,222 61
Water, gas, janitors' supplies, etc.	1,003 84
Repairs	2,451 34
School physician and nurse	788 65
Physical training	400 00
Transportation	877 25

Sundries:

Graduation expenses, teaming, moving, etc.	\$387 34	
Tuition	11 20	
New equipment	288 83	
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	\$53,307 87	
Unexpended	192 13	
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	\$53,500 00	\$53,500 00

NEW HIGH SCHOOL PLANS.

Appropriation		\$4,000 00
Orders drawn on Town Treasurer ...	\$3,304 00	
Unexpended	696 00	
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	\$4,000 00	\$4,000 00

FIRE ESCAPES.

Appropriation		\$2,500 00
Unexpended	\$2,500 00	
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	\$2,500 00	\$2,500 00

The above figures show the Town Appropriations and the bills which have been paid for the calendar year 1926. In addition the Town Treasurer has received either directly or indirectly from the School Department, the following:

Lunches	\$652 77
Telephone	11 27
Street Car Tickets	5 00
Supplies sold	21 68
Tuition—City of Boston	503 42
Tuition—State Wards	831 52

\$2,025 66

Partial reimbursement towards amounts paid teachers and superintendent for year ending June 30, 1926, as per statement to Department of Education		\$4,510 00
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		\$6,535 66
Net School Department expense for 1926		\$46,772 21

FRANK J. DUTCHER,
HARRIET B. SORNBORGER,
J. L. REMINGTON,

School Committee.

SCHOOL DIRECTORY.

1927.

HIGH SCHOOL BUILDING.

Grade.	Name.	Local Address.	Preparation.	Years of Service In Town.
Sci., Alg.	Winburn A. Dennett, Principal	5 Dennett St.	University of Maine	Eighth
For. Lang., Latin	Lucy E. Day	17 Daniels St.	Smith College	Eighteenth
Eng., Math.	Thomas Varnum, Jr.	98 Dutcher St.	Mass. Agricultural Col.	First
Hist., Lat., Alg.	Elinor White,	127 Dutcher St.	Boston University	Fourth
Comm.	Helen F. Adams	66 Bancroft Park	Wesleyan Seminary	Third
Eng. I., Dom. Sci.	Florence Bennett	Mendon, Mass.	Bay Path Institute	Fourteenth
			Y. W. C. A. School	
			Dom. Sci.	
			Simmons College	1 Sum.

DUTCHER STREET BUILDING.

VIII	Edith A. Preston Principal	111 Dutcher St.	Salem Normal & Summer Schools	Fifth
VIII	Mildred E. Cressey	59 Prospect St.	Burr & Burton Training	Eighth

VII	C. Elba Sherburne	117 Dutcher St.	Aroostook State Normal	Fifth
VI	Mrs. Maud H. Johnson	88 Dutcher St.	Framingham Normal	Seventh
VI	Lillian A. Smyth	86 Dutcher St.	Worcester Normal	Fifth
V and VI	Mrs. Hilma S. Kearsley	6 Oak St.	Plymouth, N. H. Normal	Fifth

CHAPEL STREET BUILDING.

	Miss Preston,			
	Principal			
V	Gladys S. Bayley	30 Prospect St.	Plymouth, N. H. Normal	Third
IV	*Caryl M. Porter	36 Daniels St.	Miss Rust's Kindergarten	Second
	Doris Fuller	36 Daniels St.	Wheelock Training	First
I and II	Jennie E. Sherbert	82 Dutcher St.	Johnson, Vt., Normal	Seventh
Kindergarten	Mrs. Beryl K. Draper	28 Mendon St.	Wheelock Training & Salem Normal	Fourth

PARK STREET BUILDING.

IV	Antoinette F. Batchelor	10 Mendon St.	Framingham Normal	Eleventh
	Principal		Bridgewater Normal	
III	Mary A. Billings,	Mendon, Mass.	Dean Academy	Twenty-first
II	Mrs. Marie G. Scribner	100 Dutcher St.	Framingham Normal	Ninth
I	Mabel F. Andrew	82 Dutcher St.	Wheelock Training	Thirty-second

*—Resigned November 16, 1926.

SOUTH HOPEDALE BUILDING.

I-V	Mrs. Mary Hiscock Kelly	Blackstone, Mass.	Newport, Mon. Normal, England	Third
Music Supervisor			N. E. Conservatory	First
†Frances B. Settle		98 Dutcher St.	Inst. Normal Methods	
Drawing Supervisor		No. Main St., Uxbridge	Mass. Normal Art	Sixth
Woodwork and Mechanical Drawing		35 Chestnut St., Milford	Wentworth Inst.	Eighth
School Nurse		62 Dutcher St., Hopedale	Telephone 353 M	
Marie Cossette, R. N.			Telephone 1035	
School Physician		31 Hopedale St.		
Superintendent of Schools		54 Hope St.	Telephone—Office, Milford 904	
Carroll H. Drown			Residence, Milford 802 J.	
Clerk in Superintendent's Office		12 Inman St.,	Telephone—125 Y	
Edith T. Rose				

JANITORS.

Building.	Name.	Address
Chapel St., Dutcher St., and Park St. Buildings	Joseph W. Gibbs, Fore- man	Hopedale or Upton
	John W. Holbrook	Hopedale
	Wilbur Sweet	Milford
High School Building	Warren F. Gaskill	Hopedale
South Hopedale Building	Edgar H. Jenks	Milford, R. F. D.

TRUANT OFFICERS.

Samuel E. Kellogg, Ernest Lenhart, Louis Barrows and the Janitors of the various School buildings.

Employment and Educational Certificates granted at the office of the Superintendent any school day at 8.00 A. M. to 12.00 M; 1.00 P. M. to 5.30 P. M. Thursdays until 6.00 P. M.

Telephone Connection—Superintendent's Office, Dutcher Street School—Milford 904.

High School—Milford 1429 W.

Park Street School—Milford 874 R.

South Hopedale School—Milford 493 J.

SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT.

TO THE SCHOOL COMMITTEE OF HOPEDALE:—

Much is said favoring brief reports. It is becoming quite the custom to omit the reading of the secretary's report of present day organizations. We suspect that the reading of a school superintendent's report is quite generally omitted, although it may be artistically printed in black type.

It is difficult to report in a brief space the various plans and doings of the several departments of a school system.

During the past year the school work has been carried on very smoothly with a pleasing degree of success.

No spectacular nor experimental demonstration work has been attempted in the schools. Our standards of achievement are kept high and have been attained with a considerable degree of satisfaction.

Several of the standard tests have been given in the elementary grades and favorable ranks obtained. Our fifth, sixth and seventh grades secured commendable standing in the State Arithmetic Tests.

Our teachers are concerned about attainments in high scholarship. Lack of scholarship ability and ambition is lamented by schools quite generally. The numerous attractions of these times deter children from working for high scholarship. It is quite natural that children should partake of the spirit which is rather prevalent in life to-day to struggle only far enough to "get by."

We note that the general attempt in curricula revision to meet the demands of progress seems so far to result largely in the simplifying of requirements and lessening of demands of instruction in school subjects.

If Government by the People, of which so much has been said, is to succeed, there is yet a great work to be done in the education of its subjects.

Some of the greatest needs of society to-day are more *common aims* and ideals.

Monarchies succeeded when the masses were encouraged and forced to think and act with their leader, or rulers; thus, the people had *common* interests. Increase in freedom of thought has tended to lessen common interests.

Someone has said that the purpose of True Government is to organize society so that each member may develop his personality primarily through activities designed for the well-being of society as a whole. Consequently education in our republic both within and without the school should develop in each individual the knowledge, interests, ideals, habits and powers whereby he will find his place and use that place to shape both himself and society toward nobler ends.

Is education tending to make people more satisfied, contented, happy, and more interested in the common welfare? If it is not, our methods and courses of instruction should be improved.

Our schools have a great work to do in training for a greater appreciation of the necessity for regulations governing the conduct of society, in greater reverence for government and obedience to law.

Thoughtfulness and sympathy for the wishes and welfare of others, courtesy, carefulness, reliability, faith, and a conscience keen for right doing are essential characteristics of a prosperous and happy people. Training for such elements as these should be the goal in all school instruction. Instruction in health, safety, conservation of human energy and of our country's great natural resources are important.

Character and heart training is more valuable to society than training of the intellect and conventionalities.

True character can be taught to a large extent through the means of the regular subjects of the school curricula.

If education does not make better citizens of all instead of better criminals of some, it is faulty and lacks the one great essential element.

These suggestions do not imply that training should be for the idealistic alone. Real humanism is a valuable characteristic of an educated person. Society needs much of it.

Right personality of teachers is more effective in proper training than are attractive text books and elaborate equipment.

The Hopedale schools have accomplished much this past year toward reaching these desired ends.

There were changes of teachers in only two schools this year, one in the High School and one in the Chapel Street building. There has been but little sickness, and less of transient pupils. These favorable conditions and the general serenity of all conditions have made continued effective school work possible.

Cupid has raised havoc with the biographical names of the school directory. The change in some names preceded by the abbreviation "Mrs." does not mean changes in the persons. We are being impressed that a name without the title "Mrs." in the Teachers' Directory is out of style.

The usual procedure in drawing, music and manual work has been carried on the past year.

Much is being said these days about creative work of youth. The child should have a certain amount of freedom for thought and action as the best means of development, but youth *must be* guided by those with knowledge and experience. Drawing and general hand work rightly taught gives children an opportunity for expression of initiative and imagination.

The group work in the first eight grades, and to some extent in nine and ten, is being carried forward with advantageous results; thus giving each pupil a sufficient opportunity for advancement.

Music instruction in the schools has made excellent progress this year.

Miss Thompson who resigned in June from the position of music supervisor after five years of service had, by her kindly,

genial disposition and musical ability won the esteem and well wishes of pupils and teachers. Mrs. Settle was elected to fill the position, and the work was well started. All much regret that conditions of sickness at her home prevented her returning after the holiday vacation.

Lack of space prevents printing all the valuable suggestions given by Mrs. Settle in her report. We are pleased to note that excellent results have been secured in tonal production. Attention has been given to appreciation of music and a study of standard music through phonographic records. Since most children in the future will be an audience rather than musical artists the study of music appreciation is essential.

Progress has been made in the improvement of monotonists among the youngest children. Syllable work is done in all grades above the second, and training in sight reading in the upper grades.

A grammar school orchestra was started. The players are very enthusiastic over their prospect and are practicing with a zeal for success.

Soon after the opening of the fall term Miss Hicks left her position in the High School to accept one more desirable in opportunity and salary in Medford. Mr. Varnum was chosen to fill the vacant position. He has proven himself equal to the task and is popular in the school.

Miss Porter left her position in December and Miss Fuller, a capable teacher, was engaged for that school.

The spirit of pupils and teachers of all our schools is especially good. This condition is a large factor in making successful schools.

Several interesting devices for improving the health of school children have been put in operation by our sympathetic, capable school nurse.

A very careful examination of school children has been made by the School Physician, Dr. Weymouth. After a skillful diagnosis by the physician these cases have been followed up by the medical department and improvements for the betterment

of health have been made. The statistical report is as follows:

Total number of pupils examined by the School Physician	487
Number of pupils found to be in good condition	258
Number of pupils found to be defective	229
Enlarged or diseased tonsils	162
Enlarged adenoids	160
Defective teeth	41
Nits	20
Wax in ears	6

Of the 41 pupils reported as having defective teeth 11 have already been treated by a dentist.

Dental work has been arranged for and done by Dr. Bennett during this school year.

The public High School is becoming more and more an institution for all our youth. It should be considered an integral part of the public elementary school system. We should not attempt to make it either a university or a vocational school, although subjects worthy of each may be taught in the High School.

The High School should rather be an institution for training the elementary essentials for society; such as the elementary tools of knowledge, appreciation of art, the beautiful in everything, music, worthy literature, common principles of natural phenomena, accuracy and attractiveness in diction (including spelling), manner and personality, carefulness and thrift, and all that goes toward making a good citizen.

Placing the Domestic Science teacher upon full time in the High School provided the opportunity of General Home Science instruction for the girls and has given additional assistance in the English Instruction; thus also making it possible for the classes in nearly all subjects to meet five times per week. This increased class instruction has been of much benefit to the pupils.

The report of the High School Base Ball season shows the commendable achievement our school has made in that branch of Athletics. A creditable showing was made in tennis and hockey.

Hopedale High won every baseball game played in the Tri-County League, a distinction not attained before.

The Superintendent wishes again to commend the spirit of real sport always shown by the players and school.

The "Blue Flame" the High School magazine, has been a credit to the literary ability of the school, the last number being of especially high merit.

The achievements of the participants in the Prize Speaking Contests show good training in that useful art. Our School won both Silver Cups in the Tri-County contest.

We are still hoping to see the exhibition of the debating teams; also the school orchestra.

Opportunity is given for a larger number of the High School boys to take mechanical drawing this year. Several from this school are also continuing in the wood working class.

We are pleased to note that Hopedale High won three of the Patrick Peace Prizes which are given to pupils of the Milford, Mendon and Hopedale High Schools. The reader and judge spoke very highly of the essays. The names of the recipients of the prizes are given in another section.

A new Keystone Lantern has been provided by the School Committee for use in the schools. This is of great assistance to the schools, especially in geography and history. With the aid of this and many slides the superintendent has given talks on European countries. These talks were much enjoyed by pupils and teachers.

The school desks in the rooms on the second floor of the Dutcher Street building have been smoothed down and oiled by the manual training classes. These and the seats were varnished in the summer by the janitors. This makes nearly all the seats in this building in excellent condition.

They are being well cared for and carefully used. Seats in some of the rooms which were purchased new three and four years ago have scarcely a scratch upon any of them now. We urge more careful use of school property in the High School building.

We are always glad to express our appreciation of the neat and tidy condition of our school buildings and to commend the work of our janitors. We, and especially the teachers of the Park Street building which was cared for by Mr. Hammond, lament his unfortunate illness. We are grateful for Mr. Hammond's kindness and favors in the past. Mr. Sweet has well filled the position this year.

The graduation exercises of the eighth grade classes held in the Dutcher Street school hall in June were very pleasing, and well attended by parents. Rarely have we heard a grammar school program of so high an order as this. The original, well-written essays were excellently given and the music was inspiring. After a very timely brief message to the class, thirty-seven diplomas were presented by Miss Sornborger, of the School Committee.

The usual attractive High School graduation and class reception were held in the Town Hall. One essay was given by a member of the class. An instructive address was given by Dr. Wilde, Dean of the School of Education, Boston University. Twenty-one diplomas were presented by Principal Dennett to the largest graduating class in the history of the school.

There was a large gathering at the Hopedale High School Alumnae dinner on the evening of July 3, 1926. Pleasing after dinner speeches were given by several graduates of the school.

An interesting exhibit and entertainment was held by the 4-H Girls' Clubs. These clubs were under the leadership and instruction of Miss Rose. Prizes for merit in sewing and 4-H silver, bronze and gold pins were presented the girls by a representative of the Worcester County Extension Service.

The reader's attention is called to the School Directory, general information, programs, attendance statistics, list of prizes, etc., given in this school report.

The American public schools should mean more to the nation to-day than ever before.

The blessings of liberty for which our nation's founders so bravely fought, the greatness of our beloved country, the true

significance of our glorious flag and the real meaning of democracy should be better appreciated today than even eight years ago at the close of the great war.

We must depend upon the schools as the greatest means for the training of these high ideals.

The Hopedale schools have accomplished much this past year toward reaching these desired goals.

Although it has been written in previous reports, the Superintendent wishes to express his real appreciation of the co-operation and help given by all connected with the Hopedale schools.

It is impossible for anyone to so act as to please all. Not every one thinks alike as to what ought to be and how it should be done. All things being considered, we feel that our school work goes harmoniously and successfully. Hopedale has reason to contemplate with satisfaction the advantages of the school buildings and equipment and the sure and conservative progress of the education of its children and youth.

The town has the benefit of the guiding influence of a School Committee of ability and many years of training and experience.

The devotion, ability and faithfulness of teachers, and the excellent spirit of the pupils for doing their best in school deserve high commendation.

The Superintendent wishes to sincerely thank them for their courtesy, for their generous remembrance and ever cheerful assistance. All these desirable conditions are effective factors in making successful schools.

Although schools and education do cost much (far less is paid for education in this country than for needless luxuries), they are the best investment we have. The greatest incentive we, of this generation, have for our life's work is that which we may do for the generation to follow us.

Respectfully submitted,

CARROLL H. DROWN.

SCHOOL CALENDAR

1927.

ELEMENTARY GRADES.

WINTER TERM.

Opens January 3, Closes March 25—12 weeks.
Vacation One Week.

SPRING TERM.

Opens April 4, Closes June 17—11 weeks.
Summer Vacation.

FALL TERM.

Opens September 6, Closes December 16—15 weeks.
Vacation Two Weeks.

WINTER TERM.

1928.

Opens January 3, Closes March 23—12 weeks.

HIGH SCHOOL.

1927.

WINTER TERM.

Opens December 27, (1926), Closes March 25—13 weeks.
Vacation One Week.

SPRING TERM.

Opens April 4, Closes June 24—12 weeks.
Vacation One Week.

FALL TERM.

Opens September 6, Closes December 23—16 weeks.
Vacation One Week.

WINTER TERM.

1928.

Opens January 3, Closes March 23—12 weeks.

LEGAL HOLIDAYS.

Labor Day, Columbus Day, Thanksgiving Day, December 25, January 1, February 22, April 19, May 30. There will be no session of schools on the day following Thanksgiving Day. When a holiday comes upon Sunday the following Monday becomes a holiday.

NO-SCHOOL SIGNALS.

The No-School Signal is 2-2-2-2.

Given at 7.45 A. M. it closes all elementary grades for the forenoon and the high school for the day.

Given at 8.00 A. M. it closes all schools below the fifth grade for the forenoon.

Given at 12.15 P. M. it closes all schools below the fifth grade for the afternoon.

Given at 12.30 P. M. it closes all the elementary grades for the afternoon.

It is important to note the time at which the signals are given.

ATTENDANCE LAWS.

The state laws governing school attendance require that:

Every child from seven to fourteen years of age unless he is physically or mentally unfit, and until he is sixteen years of age, unless he has completed the sixth grade, shall attend school all the time the school is in session. Every child from fourteen to sixteen years of age shall attend school unless such child has received an employment certificate and is regularly employed according to law for at least six hours a day. All minors under sixteen working in towns or cities which maintain Continuation Schools, must attend the Continuation Schools as prescribed by law.

If a child fails to attend school according to law for seven day sessions or fourteen half day sessions, the child shall be considered an habitual truant and may be sent to a truant school.

If a parent or guardian fails to cause the child under his charge to attend school according to law, he shall be fined not over twenty dollars for each offense.

A REGULATION OF THE SCHOOL DEPARTMENT.

No child can enter the first grade unless such child shall become six years of age on or before October 1 following the opening of the fall term he wishes to enter. (For entrance to the first grade this coming fall a child must be six years of age on or before October 1, 1927.)

No child can enter the Kindergarten school unless such child shall become five years of age on or before October 1 following the opening of the fall term he wishes to enter. (For a child to enter the Kindergarten this coming fall he must be five years of age on or before October 1, 1927).

No child can enter school for the first time during the year after October 1, except in special cases by permission.

We urge that all children enter the Kindergarten as this is the school in which the work of the beginning of reading, number work, etc., is taken up. A child who enters the first grade without having attended the Kindergarten is thus handicapped by not having the advantages of the beginning work given in the Kindergarten.

FORTIETH ANNUAL
GRADUATION
OF THE
HOPEDALE HIGH SCHOOL
TOWN HALL
THURSDAY EVENING, JUNE 24, 1926

PROGRAMME.

Music—Hail, Noble Hall *Wagner*

Invocation

REV. CHARLES F. NILES

Essay—Progress in the Art of Healing

CHESTER LLOYD GOODNOW, '26

Music—Forest Dance

Target

HIGH SCHOOL

Address—The Debt of the High School Graduate to His
Community

DR. ARTHUR H. WILDE

Music—On to Victory

Reeves

HIGH SCHOOL

Presentation of Diplomas

Music—Coming of Spring

Ivanovici

HIGH SCHOOL

Reception to Graduating Class

GRADUATES.

CHARLOTTE CUSHMAN AREY
 MILDRED ADA AVERY
 WALTER MORSE BATES
 SIDNEY BEARD, JR.
 CHARLES MASON FAIRBANK, JR.
 MABEL FULLER
 JOHN SCOTT GLENN
 CHESTER LLOYD GOODNOW
 MARION GERTRUDE HARVEY
 MILDRED ELIZABETH IRVING
 BURLEIGH WOOD LAPWORTH
 HAZEL MAE LARHETTE
 HOPE DALE LEONARD
 EDITH ISABEL McCORMICK
 CHILISTINE MARION NEGROTTI
 ALBERT WENTWORTH PAIGE
 GEORGE HOWARD SEARS
 PEARL SNEIDERMAN
 ESTHER HILDEGARD SODERBERG
 ALICE CONSTANCE SWETT
 JANET TURNER

CLASS OFFICERS.

President—CHARLES MASON FAIRBANK, JR.
Vice-President—EDITH ISABELLE McCORMICK
Secretary—HOPE DALE LEONARD
Treasurer—CHESTER LLOYD GOODNOW

Class Motto—CHARACTER IS DESTINY
Class Colors—ROYAL BLUE AND GOLD
Class Flower—YELLOW PERMIT ROSE

SEVENTEENTH ANNUAL
PRIZE SPEAKING CONTEST
By
HOPEDALE HIGH SCHOOL
TOWN HALL
FRIDAY EVENING, MAY 21, 1926

PROGRAMME.

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| Our National Honor | <i>Brooks</i> |
| HIGH SCHOOL ORCHESTRA | |
| The Last Days of Pompeii | <i>Sir Edwin Bulwer-Lytton</i> |
| KENNETH E. STEELE | |
| Rosy Balm | <i>Alice Brown</i> |
| GLADYS M. FOLLANSBEE | |
| The Necessity of Force | <i>James Thurston</i> |
| CLAYTON A. STEVENS | |
| The Santa Fe Trail | <i>Vachel Lindsay</i> |
| GRETCHEN A. BELL | |
| The Glow Worm | <i>Lencke</i> |
| HIGH SCHOOL ORCHESTRA | |
| The Death Penalty | <i>Victor Hugo</i> |
| WILFRED D. TURNER | |

The Bazaar

Beatrice Hereford

ERNESTINE M. ALBEE

The Horse Thief

William Rose Benet

WALTER M. BATES

Mr. Winkle Skates (Pickwick Papers)

Charles Dickens

MARGARET S. AREY

Selections

HIGH SCHOOL ORCHESTRA

Decision of Judges

PRIZES.

Girls:—

1st Prize—GRETCHEN BELL

2nd Prize—ERNESTINE M. ALBEE

Boys:—

1st Prize—WILFRED TURNER

2nd Prize—CLAYTON A. STEVENS

SILVER CUP IN

TRI-COUNTY LEAGUE SPEAKING CONTEST

Won by

Boys—WILFRED TURNER.

Girls—GRETCHEN BELL.

DELANO PATRICK PEACE ESSAY CONTEST

Open to pupils of Milford, Hopedale and Mendon
High Schools, Four Prizes.

1st Prize, \$20.00 in Gold

LAURA DROWN

2nd Prize, \$15.00 in Gold

MILDRED IRVING

4th Prize, \$5.00 in Gold

MARGARET AREY

THE THREE ACT PLAY
TOMMY'S WIFE

PRESENTED BY SENIOR CLASS FOR BENEFIT OF
WASHINGTON TRIP

FRIDAY EVENING, DECEMBER 17, 1926

DANCING WILL FOLLOW

CAST.

Thomas P. Carothers, a promising young portrait painter as yet unknown to fame	Joseph Seville
Rose Carothers, his sister	Eleanor Arnold
Dick Grannis, Carothers' chum, in love with Rose	George Parker, Jr.
Patty Campbell, a student at the Broadway Dramatic School	Gretchen Bell
Mrs. De Yorburgh Smith, a wealthy society woman,	Margaret Arey
Sylvia, her daughter, "young and impressionable"	Gertrude Gould
Pierre de Boutin, a French fencing master	Wilfred Turner
Edith Bronson, a friend of Rose—interested in Charities	Edith Deiana

Act I. In Carothers' studio. Afternoon.
Vocal Solo, Kenneth Steele.

Act II. Same scene. Afternoon, two weeks later.
Vocal Solo, Kenneth Steele.
Vocal Solo, Virginia Lapworth.

Act III. Library at Edith's house. Evening of same day.

GRADUATION EXERCISES

HOPEDALE GRAMMAR SCHOOL

DUTCHER STREET SCHOOL HALL

FRIDAY, JUNE 18, 1926, 2.00 O'CLOCK P. M.

PROGRAM.

March	Class Processional
Invocation	Rev. V. H. Deming
Welcome	Elsie M. Beard
Song, Butterflies— <i>Mildenburg</i>	Class
Essay, The History of the Telephone	Eva L. Dominici
Essay, America and the Opium Trade	Flora A. Alves
Essay, Safety First	Willard B. Gould
Piano Solo, Valse Arabesque	Frances Lapworth
Essay, Christian Endeavor	Eleanor Harmon
Essay, Panama	Epta F. Teel
Essay, The Life of Luther Burbank	Marion Wilson
Violin Solo, Souvenir— <i>Drdla</i>	John Howard
Essay, The Submarine	Edward Sneiderman
Essay, Politeness	Frances J. Legge
Song, Stars Brightly Shining— <i>Emil Bronte</i>	Girls' Chorus
Essay, My Life in My Native Land, and My Trip to America	John M. Mouradian
Essay, Why we Need Prohibition	Dorothy G. Earnsby
Closing Address	Freeman L. Hammond

PRESENTATION OF DIPLOMAS.

Harriet B. Sornborger, Member of School Committee.

Song, Commencement Song Class

PRESENTATION OF AMERICAN LEGION HISTORY MEDAL

Principal W. A. Dennett.

Benediction Rev. V. H. Deming

Reception.

GRADUATES.

Olive V. Aldrich	Eleanor Harmon
George K. Allen	Evelyn D. Hattersley
Flora A. Alves	John L. Howard
Louisa F. Barrows	Hester C. Irving
Elsie M. Beard	Archalous Jerahian
Robert A. Craddock	Frances Lapworth
Leon E. Deiana	Frances J. Legge
Alfred E. Deragon	John M. Mouradian
Roger Erie Durgin	Ruth A. Meade
Eva L. Dominici	Eugene P. Nealley
Evo L. Dominici	Harold E. Sanborn
Dorothy G. Earnsby	Charles J. Shanahan
Helen M. Fitzgerald	Madeline A. Smart
Willard B. Gould	Clifton D. Smith
Helen M. Grady	Edward Sneiderman
James Guglielmi	Epta F. Teel
Elmer L. Hammond	G. Byron Wheeler
Freeman L. Hammond	Dorothy E. Whiting
	Marion Wilson

REPORT OF SIGHT AND HEARING TESTS
DECEMBER, 1925.

Number of pupils examined	592
Number found defective in eyesight	36
Number found defective in hearing	19
Number of parents or guardians notified	50

THE BANCROFT MEMORIAL LIBRARY

SUMMER READING COURSE

APRIL TO OCTOBER, 1926.

The books on the state reading list were used again this year. The summer reading began in April and ended in October. During this period 143 five book and 2 honor certificates were awarded. In the fourth grade of the Chapel street school 75 per cent. of the pupils received five book certificates. The fifth grade of the Dutcher street school was second with 70 per cent. and the fourth grade of Park street school third, having 57 per cent. At the request of many of the children this reading was continued through the year, and since October, 135 five book and 18 honor certificates have been awarded.

APRIL TO OCTOBER, 1926.

Dutcher Street School		Chapel Street School	
Grade Five	21	Grade Three	8
Grade Six	16	Grade Four	15
Grade Seven		Grade Five	19
Miss Sherburne, teacher	3		
Mrs. Johnson, teacher	8		

Grade Eight		Park Street School	
Miss Cressey,		Grade Three	21
teacher	6—1—honor	Grade Four	20
Miss Preston,			
teacher	6—1—honor		

OCTOBER TO JANUARY 1, 1927.

Dutcher Street School		Chapel Street School	
Grade Five	11—2—honor	Grade Four	12
Grade Six		Grade Five	
Miss Smyth,			26—6 honor
teacher	20—4—honor		
Mrs. Johnson,			
teacher	11—3—honor		
Grade Seven		Park Street School	
Mrs. Johnson,		Grade Three	25
teacher	2	Grade Four	
Miss Sherburne,			19—1 honor
teacher	8—2—honor		
Grade Eight			
Miss Cressey,			
teacher	1		

ENROLLMENT BY GRADES JANUARY 1, 1927 AND BY AGES OCTOBER 1, 1926.

Ages	5½	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18	19	20	Total
BOYS																	
Grades																	
Kindergarten	17	3	1														21
Grade I		25	6														32
Grade II			10	8	4	1		1									24
Grade III				21	3	2	1	1									28
Grade IV				11	27	7	8										48
Grade V					2	19	6	2	1								30
Grade VI						2	19	7	5	3							36
Grade VII							1	5	4		2	1					18
Grade VIII							2	7	4	3	5	1					22
Totals of Elementary Grades	17	28	17	41	36	31	32	23	14	6	7	2					254
High School																	
IX									3	8	8	2					21
X										5	4	4					13
XI										1	6	3	3	1			14
XII												2	2	3	3	1	11
Post Graduate												1					1
Total High School									3	14	18	12	5	4	3	1	60
Total Boys	17	28	17	41	36	31	32	23	17	20	25	14	5	4	3	1	314
Ages	5½	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18	19	20	Total
Grades																	
GIRLS																	
Kindergarten	14	8															22
Grade I	1	19	3														23
Grade II		1	16	3	6												26
Grade III			4	13	4												21
Grade IV				7	15	5	2										29
Grade V						18	3	1	1								23
Grade VI						8	15	8	5	7	1						39
Grade VII								10	3	4		1					18
Grade VIII							2	12	8	5	2						29
Totals of Elementary Grades	15	28	23	23	25	26	22	31	17	16	3	1					230
High School																	
IX									7	7	3						17
X										4	4	6					14
XI											2	5	2	2	1		12
XII											1	7	3	3			14
Total High School									7	11	10	18	5	5	1		57
Total Girls	15	28	23	23	25	26	22	31	24	27	13	19	5	5	1		287
Grand Totals	32	56	40	64	61	57	54	54	41	47	38	33	10	9	4	1	601

Numbers appearing in heavy type are ranked as normal.

Schools	Total Enrollment		Non-Resident	Aggregate Attendance	Average Attendance	Average Membership	Enrollment April 1, 1926		Total No. of Pupils Not Enrolled in Any Other Town in State		No. of Pupils 5 to 7 Years of Age	No. of Pupils 7 to 14 Years of Age	No. of Pupils 14 to 16 Years of Age	No. of Pupils Over 16 Years of Age	No. of Pupils Having Perfect Attendance	Per Cent of Attendance	
	Boys	Girls					Boys	Girls									
High School	121	60	2	20310.	110.80	113.	113	58	117	60	57	0	7	44	66	26	97.75
Dutcher St.																	
Grade VIII-A	20	7	0	3268.5	18.57	18.85	20	7	20	7	13	0	14	6	0	4	98.51
Grade VIII-B	33	19	1	5362.	30.47	31.24	33	19	33	19	14	0	12	18	3	5	97.54
Grade VII-A	32	16	1	5023.5	28.54	29.22	30	14	30	14	16	0	26	4	0	7	97.67
Grade VII-B	25	10	2	3718.	21.12	22.01	20	7	24	10	14	0	11	11	2	1	95.95
Grade VI	36	14	0	5437.5	30.72	31.75	30	12	35	13	22	0	29	6	0	2	96.75
Grade V	30	11	3	4918.5	27.94	29.51	29	11	30	11	19	0	28	2	0	2	94.67
Chapel St.																	
Grade V	34	17	1	5625.5	31.77	33.12	34	17	33	17	16	0	33	0	0	2	95.92
Grade IV	21	13	1	3516.5	20.09	20.73	21	13	20	13	7	0	20	0	0	4	96.91
Grade III	41	26	2	6046.	34.54	35.58	35	24	39	26	13	0	39	0	0	5	97.77
Kindergarten	42	20	1	5911.	33.39	35.74	38	20	39	18	21	37	2	0	0	0	93.42
Park Street																	
Grade IV	35	17	1	5439.5	31.08	31.30	30	15	35	17	18	0	35	0	0	5	99.29
Grade III	45	30	3	6821.5	38.98	40.58	40	26	41	28	13	0	41	0	0	7	96.05
Grade II	47	26	1	7124.5	40.71	42.47	42	26	43	25	18	0	43	0	0	6	95.85
Grade I	46	28	5	6866.	39.23	41.38	42	24	42	25	17	10	32	0	0	1	94.80
So. Hopedale Grades 1-6	30	16	1	4300.	24.5	25.98	28	14	28	14	14	3	24	1	0	1	94.30
Totals	638	330	24	99,988.5	562.45	582.46	585	307	609	317	292	50	396	92	71	78	96.45

Twenty-eighth Annual Report

OF THE

PARK COMMISSIONERS

OF THE

TOWN OF HOPEDALE

MASSACHUSETTS

1926

PARK COMMISSIONERS.

FRANK J. DUTCHER, Chairman,

Term expires 1927.

FREDRIC E. DOUGLAS,

Term expires 1928.

FRANK S. CLARK, Secretary,

Term expires 1929.

REPORT.

FINANCIAL STATEMENT.

AVAILABLE FOR USE OF PARK DEPARTMENT.

General Appropriation	\$5,000 00
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ORDERS DRAWN ON THE TREASURER.

Athletic Goods	\$63 20	
Bath House Repairs	159 38	
Bath House Supplies	28 73	
Base Ball and Soccer Field	94 46	
Comfort Station	10 14	
Building Boundry Line Wall	200 00	
Incidentals	13 30	
Pay Roll	3,021 76	
Printing	8 00	
Teaming	142 90	
Tools	101 26	
Trees and Shrubs	1 58	
Water for Playgrounds	28 00	
Tennis Courts, Resurfacing	291 75	
Trimming Trees and Spraying	82 37	
Surveying	4 10	
Playgrounds	114 96	
Unexpended Balance	634 11	
		<hr/>
	\$5,000 00	\$5,000 00

ADIN STREET LOT.

Interest on Trust Funds		\$86 38
Labor	\$86 38	
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	\$86 38	\$86 38

The Twenty-eighth Annual Report of the Park Commissioners for the year 1926 is herewith submitted.

Records as kept by the Caretakers at Playgrounds and Bath House are as follows:

BATH HOUSE.

Opened June 23rd. Closed September 14th.

Total Number of Bathers	5047
Males	2993
Females	2054
Largest Attendance	263
Males	136
Females	127
Daily Average	81

BASE BALL.

Games Played (Twilight League)	31
Games Played (High School)	7
Games Played (Grammar School)	13
Games Played (Others)	24
Largest Attendance	450
Average Attendance	135

SOCCER FOOT BALL.

Games Played	9
Largest Attendance	600
Average Attendance	250

TENNIS.

High School Tournament	43 sets
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TWILIGHT LEAGUE, 1926.

TEAM STANDING.

	Won	Lost	Aver.
Shuttle	11	4	.733
Foundry	9	7	.563
Office	8	8	.500
Drilling	3	12	.200

STOLEN BASES.

	Games	S.B.
Consolleti	15	14
Cyr	15	14
G. Draper	13	12
Turner	12	11
E. Tetlow	13	11

RUNS.

	Games	Runs
W. Draper	15	18
Consolleti	15	17
Cyr	15	16
Bonin	15	14
L. Hixon	14	14
Weaver	15	13
Nichols	16	12
Steeves	10	12
Kearsley	15	11
Towne	14	11

HOME RUNS.

W. Hixon	1
Steeves	1

BATTING.

	Games	Percent
Steeves	10	.571
A. Johnson	14	.408
Weaver	15	.385
Cheschi	9	.366
Nichols	16	.360
Redgraves	10	.333
G. Draper	13	.328
L. Hixon	14	.328
Bonin	15	.316
W. Draper	15	.315
Cyr	15	.313
Scanlon	10	.308
Shedd	13	.300
Boni	16	.297
P. Johnson	11	.286
T. Tetlow	14	.283

FIELDING.

	Chances	E	Percent
P. Johnson	48	0	1.000
Weaver	159	4	.975
Redgraves, 3d	40	2	.950
Boni, 3d	47	4	.922
Consolleti, 2d	101	6	.941
A. Johnson, 3d	42	4	.905

THE DRAPER CORPORATION FOOTBALL ASSOCIATION TEAM,
 RUNNERS UP IN THE WORCESTER COUNTY INDUSTRIAL
 SOCCER LEAGUE.

The league was won by the Morgan Construction Co., of Worcester, with the Draper Corporation Team finishing a close second.

Games Won, 6. Games Lost, 2. Games Drawn, 2. Scoring a total of 33 goals against the opponents' 29.

Date	Draper Corp'n.	Goals	Opponents	Goals
Oct. 2.	Draper Corp'n.	2	Morgan Construction	4
Oct. 9.	Draper Corp'n.	1	American Optical	0
Oct. 16.	Draper Corp'n.	3	Norton Company	3
Oct. 23.	Draper Corp'n.	2	Bigelow-Hartford	2
Oct. 30.	Draper Corp'n.	6	Whitin Machine	3
Nov. 6.	Draper Corp'n.	0	Morgan Construction	7
Nov. 13.	Draper Corp'n.	7	American Optical	1
Nov. 20.	Draper Corp'n.	4	Norton Company	3
Nov. 27.	Draper Corp'n.	4	Bigelow-Hartford	3
Dec. 4.	Draper Corp'n.	4	Whitin Machine	3
Total		33	Total	29

The Draper Corporation Team played six home games with an average attendance of 150.

FRANK J. DUTCHER, Chairman,
FRANK S. CLARK, Secretary,
FREDRIC E. DOUGLAS,

Park Commissioners.

Forty-first Annual Report

—OF THE—

Bancroft Memorial Library

Hopedale, Massachusetts,

—FOR THE—

YEAR ENDING DECEMBER 31, 1926.

TRUSTEES.

WALLACE I. STIMPSON	Term expires 1927
HARRY A. BILLINGS, Secretary	Term expires 1928
ANNA M. BANCROFT, Chairman	Term expires 1929

LIBRARIAN.

WALTER R. MEADE, October, 1925—

ASSISTANTS.

MADELEINE BURRILL, ZETA SNODGRASS.

JANITOR.

JAMES H. YOUNG.

SOUTH HOPEDALE BRANCH.

LIBRARIAN.

MISS A. A. CALDWELL—February, 1924—

The Trustees of The Bancroft Memorial Library present herewith the various reports of the Library for the year ending December 31, 1926, with some satisfaction and some concern.

It is indeed most gratifying that in these days of many social diversions, moving pictures, and most of all—radio—which brings into so many homes programs both educational and entertaining from all the principal cities of the United States, and with a decrease in population, to find that the demand for all the departments of the Library have increased an average of about 15% over the year 1925 and considerably over that of any previous year. This is especially noticeable in the increase of the visitors to the Reading Room, which figures something like 17½% increase over 1925. A large part of this increase has been in demand for books by the children. It has not been an uncommon thing in late afternoon or early evening to have between sixty and seventy children in the Library either reading or exchanging books, and this large increase has caused considerable increase in the work of the Librarian and his assistants.

The gradual increase in the number of books in our Library has over-crowded our stacks with the result that in submitting this report we do so with some concern as to the future policy of the Library because the Trustees feel that in the very near future it will probably be necessary to set apart some section of the Library as a Children's Library with an assistant assigned directly to this department of the work, moving the juvenile books out of the Main Library and thus giving room in our stacks for the proper increase of other books.

The Library has received the past year the very generous bequest from the Ruth Day Williams Trust Fund of \$18,415.25, which is to be added to the Bancroft-Day Fund, the income from this trust fund to be used entirely for Library purposes. This income will in the coming years be of great help in meeting some of the increasing demands of the Library and this fund will prove a greater memorial of the deep interest and sincere affection of Lura Bancroft Day and Ruth Day Williams, for The Bancroft Memorial Library.

The Trustees beg to submit copy of letter received from the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, Department of Education, which is self explanatory, and also a memorandum of the General Draper Fund held by the Trustees.

THE COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS

DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION

State House, Boston,

December 21, 1926.

Miss Anna M. Bancroft,
Hotel Somerset,
Boston, Mass.

My dear Miss Bancroft:

At the request of your Board I visited the Hopedale library to look over the collection and discard such material as I could find that was of little permanent value, as you were so much in need of more space. I found an unusual situation in a library of this size in that there were so few books to discard. It is seldom that I find such a good collection of books, which shows that much careful study had been put into the selection of them. The non-fiction had been chosen obviously with great care and the fiction contained no trash such as usually creeps into a library through careless selection. All the cheap serials which I find among the children's books were missing and the collection contained only the worth while and choice books. The few books I could discard were only such as were out of date and therefore no longer useful, and a few not worth binding or replacing.

You are to be congratulated upon the splendid collection accumulated through wise and intelligent selection.

Sincerely yours,

E. LOUISE JONES,

Field Secretary,

Division of Public Libraries.

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GENERAL DRAPER FUND.

Amount on hand Jan. 1, 1926	\$512 83	
Received from interest	20 77	
	<hr/>	\$533 60
Expended for:		
Mechanical Books	\$11 78	
Historical Books	99 81	
	<hr/>	\$111 59
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Balance on hand Milford Savings Bank, Jan. 1, 1927		\$422 01

The Trustees desire to acknowledge the hearty co-operation and assistance of the Town's people and the Librarian and his assistants in making this Library year one of real service to the Town, and respectfully seek for a continuance of these relations.

ANNA M. BANCROFT,
W. I. STIMPSON,
H. A. BILLINGS,

Trustees.

FINANCIAL STATEMENT FOR THE YEAR ENDING
DECEMBER 31, 1926.

Receipts:

General Appropriation	\$3,700 00	
Special Appropriation (roofs)	125 35	
Proceeds from Dog Tax	305 55	
Balance, Funds	52 22	
Interest on balance	2 97	
1926 Income, Bancroft Fund	92 32	
1926 Income, Sarah M. Whipple Fund	46 16	
1926 Income, Jos. B. and Sylvia W. Bancroft Fund	549 24	
1926 Income, Bancroft-Day Fund ...	137 27	
1926 Income, Frances E. Colburn Fund	528 83	
1926 Income, Bancroft-Day Fund (Ruth Day Williams)	117 52	
	<hr/>	\$5,657 43

Expenditures:

Books purchased from		
J. B. & S. W. Bancroft Fund	\$200 83	
Bancroft Fund	89 07	
Sarah M. Whipple Fund	45 94	
Bancroft-Day Fund ...	137 82	
Appropriation	70 53	
	<hr/>	\$544 19
Periodicals	139 67	
Binding	195 40	

Salaries paid from:

Joseph B. and Sylvia W. Bancroft Fund	\$351 38	
Frances E. Colburn Fund	513 83	
Appropriation	2,337 31	
	<hr/>	\$3,202 52

Typewriter Rent	\$15 00	
Removing Ashes	78 13	
Trees	27 27	
Copy of Ruth Day Williams' Will ...	2 25	
Car Tickets	3 00	
Fertilizer	6 00	
Water	12 00	
Telephone	33 96	
Postage	14 19	
Printing	104 40	
c Car Fare (South Hopedale)	15 00	
Box Rent	4 00	
Express	5 24	
Supplies	49 41	
Labor	25 31	
Heating	412 76	
Lighting	251 33	
Repairs:		
x Roof	\$125 35	
General	383 63	
Branch (So. Hopedale)	3 86	
	<hr/>	\$512 84
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		\$5,653 87
Balance on hand		\$3 56
		<hr/>
		\$5,657 43

c Paid from income of Frances E. Colburn Fund.

x Paid from Special Appropriation.

STATEMENT OF FUNDS.

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NAME	DONOR	Date	Purpose	Principal of Funds	1925 Balance Income Dec. 31	1926 Income	1926 Expended	1926 Balance Dec. 31
Bancroft Fund	{ Joseph B. Bancroft and Sylvia W. Bancroft \$1000 Joseph B. Bancroft \$1000 }	Sept. 11 1897 March 9 1910	Books	\$2,191.20	\$ 0.00	\$ 92.32	\$ 89.07	\$ 3.25
Sarah M. Whipple Fund	Lilla Bancroft Bracken	Oct. 3 1913	Juvenile Books	1,095.60	.09	46.16	45.94	.31
Bancroft-Day Fund	Lura Bancroft Day	July 28 1914	Decided by Trustees	5,305.94	.55	137.27	137.82	0.00
Bancroft-Day Fund	Ruth Day Williams	July 1 1926	Decided by Trustees	18,415.25	0.00	117.52	117.52	0.00
Joseph B. and Sylvia W. Bancroft Fund	Lura Bancroft Day	Oct. 28 1914	Decided by Trustees	21,223.76	0.00	552.21	552.21	0.00
Frances E. Colburn Fund	Frances E. Colburn	Jan. 16 1919	Decided by Trustees	9,715.15	51 .58	528.83	580.41	0.00
Totals				\$57,946.90	\$52.22	\$1,474.31	\$1,522.97	\$ 3.56

LIBRARIAN'S REPORT.

I have the honor to submit the annual report for the year ending December 31, 1926.

During the past year it has been our aim to keep the resources of the library constantly before the public. We have endeavored, so far as possible, to give the reading public what it desired, and to meet the demands of the pupils of the schools. Our efforts have been complimented as well as criticized. We welcomed the criticisms and endeavored to profit by them, and appreciate the interest thus shown in the library.

BOOKS AND BOOK SELECTION.

In purchasing our books we have attempted to reach all tastes. We have provided for those who desired the light entertaining books of fiction. We have purchased the problem novel and novels of literary value for those desiring to spend time and thought in their reading. Our non-fiction is purchased with the aim of having each volume meet a particular need of some person or group of persons. We have constantly kept the desires of our readers in mind and tried to select the best for them.

THE YEAR'S WORK.

Although the population of the town has decreased, there has been a decided gain in the circulation for the past year. The gain for the year was 5,452 volumes, the largest month being November when 4,002 books were issued for home use. There has been an increase of three per cent. in the circulation of non-fiction books and the per capita circulation is 12.7.

The total number of new books purchased was 366. With-

drawals numbered 542, of which 221 were government publications, leaving a total number of 15,483 volumes in the library.

WORK WITH THE CHILDREN.

There have been times during the year, when the demands of the children have been so great, that during the busy periods of the day we realized that we were not giving satisfactory service to our older readers who chanced to come to the library at that time.

In 1926 the juvenile circulation was 11,451, which is a gain of 2,626 over 1925. Ten story hours were conducted with an attendance of 782. An exhibit of finely illustrated children's books was held during Children's Book Week. 143 state certificates were given to pupils who read five books on the state reading list from April to October. The reading has continued for the remainder of the year, and since October 135 five book and 18 honor certificates have been awarded.

From time to time various juvenile books, in poor condition, have been taken from the shelves. These accumulated until there were 56 books that could not be used. The library has been fortunate in having these books replaced as a gift from Miss Anna M. Bancroft.

THE BRANCH LIBRARY.

The work of our Branch Library is progressing under the direction of Miss Caldwell, our branch librarian. The appreciation of her work is shown in the gifts of magazines and flowers by the people of her community.

GENERAL.

In the early part of the year it became evident that we would soon need more stack room. Miss E. Louise Jones, Field Secretary of the Free Public Library Commission of Massachusetts, came to the library in June and weeded out some three hundred books. About two hundred government publications were re-

turned this giving us room in the basement to store some of our magazines. The crowded condition of our stacks was somewhat relieved, but it will be soon necessary to provide more room.

On January 1, 1926, we published a quarterly bulletin, with the aim of keeping the new books before the public. It is difficult to state the results obtained from the bulletin, but so many requests have been made for the books contained in it that we feel the effort in publishing it is worth while.

On November 13, 1925 the library hours were changed so that the library is open continuously from 2 until 9 P. M. This experiment has now been tried for over a year and we feel that it is a success.

We are grateful to the Free Public Library Commission, the Boston Public Library and to the Worcester Public Library for their kindness in sending us books through the Inter-Library Loan.

In conclusion, I wish to express my appreciation for the help and cooperation given me during the year by the Trustees, and for the efficient assistance given by Miss Burrill in carrying on the work of the year.

Respectfully submitted,

WALTER R. MEADE,

Librarian.

LIBRARY STATISTICS.

CIRCULATION.

	Main Library		South Hopedale Branch		Visitors to the Reading Room	
	1925	1926	1925	1926	1925	1926
January	2,608	3,030	350	300	938	1,057
February	2,608	2,892	314	313	859	962
March	2,904	3,343	283	303	922	1,319
April	2,367	3,017	248	328	889	1,003
May	1,798	2,465	333	242	579	845
June	2,146	2,789	226	267	654	856
July	2,002	2,344	320	324	527	518
August	2,062	2,156	239	417	552	597
September	2,083	2,269	274	270	724	880
October	2,687	3,167	363	283	1,101	1,137
November	2,993	4,002	294	293	1,033	1,310
December	2,755	2,826	329	398	1,005	1,010
	<hr/> 29,013	<hr/> 34,300	<hr/> 3,573	<hr/> 3,738	<hr/> 9,783	<hr/> 11,494

	1925	1926
Total circulation at Main Library and Branch	32,586	38,038

Main Library:—

Days library open	298	304
Circulation	29,013	34,300
Average daily circulation	97	113
Largest circulation * Oct. 13, 1925:		
Nov. 29, 1926	201	236
Smallest circulation, Aug. 7, 1925:		
July 21, 1926	33	39

*—May 25, 1925 circulation, 290. The library was closed for one week previous to this date.

Per cent. of circulation, fiction	82	79
Per cent. of circulation, juvenile	30	33
Total number of visitors to reading room ..	9,783	11,494
Attendance at 11 story hours in 1925; 10 in 1926	517	782
Card holders, total number	1,531	1,673
Card holders, registered in 1925 and 1926	201	220
Cards withdrawn	166	78
Volumes in library	15,659	15,483

Volumes added during year:—

By purchase from appropriation	8	16
By purchase from funds	228	264
By purchase from Gen. Draper money	9	25
By gift, individual	74	43
By gift, Commonwealth of Massachusetts..	6	5
By binding	32	13
Volumes purchased to replace discarded copies	98	165
Volumes withdrawn	110	542
Volumes bound	180	262
Fines collected	152 94	161 36

South Hopedale Branch:—

Days library open	53	51
Circulation	3,573	3,738
Average daily circulation	67	73
Per cent. of circulation, fiction	61	64
Per cent. of circulation, current magazines	28	26
Per cent. of circulation, juvenile	27	24
Card holders, total number	50	55
Card holders, registered in 1925 and 1926	6	9
Cards withdrawn	13	4

GROWTH, SIZE AND USE OF LIBRARY, 1926.

	Volumes added	Volumes withdrawn	Total Volumes in Li- brary at end of 1926	Volumes circulated	So. Hopedale.
Fiction	144	173	5,118	27,244	2,394
Juvenile Fiction	42	32	1,216	*9,246	*551
Juvenile Classed	12	14	419	*2,205	*363
General	4		61	140	
Periodicals	10		1,576	1,653	956
Philosophy	5	8	176	91	18
Religion	11	5	307	137	16
Sociology	14	126	493	232	36
Philology	1		40	67	
Natural Science	6	84	305	365	40
Useful Arts	20	50	682	552	52
Fine Arts	9	5	346	474	14
Literature	15	6	1,208	1,150	9
Foreign Language			166	*111	
Travel	13	10	744	538	188
Biography	41	19	846	817	15
History	11	10	1,049	840	
Reference	8		650		
Curiosities			81		
	<hr/> 366	<hr/> 542	<hr/> 15,483	<hr/> 34,300	<hr/> 3,738

*—Included in general circulation.

BOOKS BOUGHT WITH THE BANCROFT FUND.

Non-fiction of permanent value, 20 volumes.

BOOKS BOUGHT WITH THE SARAH M. WHIPPLE FUND.

Juvenile books, 36 volumes.

BOOKS BOUGHT WITH THE BANCROFT-DAY FUND.

Fiction, 51 volumes.

Non-fiction, 28 volumes.

BOOKS BOUGHT WITH THE JOSEPH B. AND
SYLVIA W. BANCROFT FUND.

Fiction, 72 volumes.

Non-fiction, 32 volumes.

BOOKS BOUGHT WITH THE GENERAL DRAPER FUND.

Walton, Perry. Story of textiles.

Sauveur, Albert. Metalography and heat treatment of iron
and steel.

BOOKS BOUGHT WITH THE GENERAL DRAPER FUND
GIVEN BY PRINCESS BONCOMPAGNI.

Historical books, 23 volumes.

LIST OF PERIODICALS REGULARLY RECEIVED.

(Those marked * are given.)

(Those marked ‡ were not received during the entire year.)

WEEKLIES.

American Machinist.	Manufacturer's Record.*‡
Illustrated London News.	Milford Gazette.*
L'Illustrazione*‡.	Official Gazette.*
Life.	Outlook.
Literary Digest.	Time.

MONTHLIES.

American Boy.	How to Sell.*
American Girl.	Hunting and Fishing.
American Legion.*	John Martin's Book.
American Magazine.	Junior Home.
Atlantic.	Ladies' Home Journal
Booklist.‡	McCall's Magazine.
B'nai Brith.*	Modern Priscilla.
Bookman.	Motive.*
Boy Citizen.‡	Munsey.
Boy's Life.	National Geographic Magazine.
Century.	National Republic.*
Child Life.	Nature.
Christian Science Journal.*	Nineteenth Century.
Daughters of the American Revolution.*‡	Open Road.*‡
Delineator.	Our Dumb Animals.*
Elks' Magazine.	Pictorial Review.
Everyland.*	Popular Mechanics.
Forecast.	Popular Radio.
Garden Magazine.	Protectionist.*
Good Housekeeping.	Public Health Bulletin.*
Harper's Magazine.	Reader's Guide to Periodicals.
	Review of Reviews.

St. Nicholas.	Trained Men.*
Scientific American Monthly.	Woman's Home Companion.
Scribners Magazine.	World's Work.
Specialty Salesman.*	Vedanta Monthly.*

BI-MONTHLY.

Library Journal.*	Magazine of Wall Street.
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QUARTERLIES.

Bell Telephone Quarterly.*	New Near East.*
North American Review.	

DAILIES.

Boston Herald.	Christian Science Monitor.*
Boston Evening Transcript.	Milford Daily News.*

SOUTH HOPEDALE BRANCH.

Ladies' Home Journal.	St. Nicholas.
Pictorial Review.	Woman's Home Companion.
Physical Culture Magazine.	Youth's Companion.
Popular Mechanics.‡	

GIFTS.

	Vol.	Pam.	Per.
American Association for International Conciliation		8	
American Institute of Homeopathy	1		
American Peace Society			1 yr.
Ball, Mr. F. E.			1 yr.
Bancroft, Miss Anna M.	83		1 yr.
Bell, Miss Irma	1		
Butterworth, Mrs. C. F.	1		
Boston Museum of Fine Arts			1 yr.
Carnegie Hero Fund Commission		1	
Christian Science Publishing Co.			2 yrs.
Clark, Mr. H. B.			1 yr.
Draper, Mr. B. H. B.	1		
Dutcher, Mr. F. J.	1	4	
Holbrook, Mrs. John	5		
Hopedale High School		2	
Japan Society	1		
Massachusetts, State of	5	22	
Merrill, Mr. C. F.		2	
Milford Daily News			1 yr.
Milford Gazette			1 yr.
Northeastern University	1		
Osgood, Mr. Dana	5		
Our Dumb Animals			1 yr.
Protectionist			1 yr.
Sprague, Mrs. B. P.	1		
Treloar, Mrs. Percival	3		1 yr.
Union Church			1 yr.
United States Government	1	105	
Whittemore, Mr. B. A.	1		

The library also exchanges annual reports with about twenty-five libraries.

Items of value to our Local History Collection have been given by Rev. and Mrs. Deming, Mrs. F. J. Dutcher, Mrs. Leon Hammond and Miss Harriet B. Sornborger.

STATISTICS FOR A. L. A.

Printed at the request of the A. L. A. Committee on Library Administration.

Annual report for year ended	Dec. 31, 1926
Name of library	The Bancroft Memorial
City or town	Hopedale, Massachusetts
Population served (town census 1926)	2988
Terms of use	Free for lending and reference
Total number of agencies	Central library and one branch
Number of days open during the year (Central library)	304
Hours for lending (Central library)	42 hours a week.
Hours for reading (Central library)	42 hours a week.

	Adult	Juvenile	Total
Number of volumes at beginning of year	14,029	1,630	15,659
Number of volumes added by purchase.....	251	54	305
Number of volumes added by gift	37	11	48
Number of volumes added by binding	11	2	13
Number of volumes withdrawn	496	46	542
Total number at end of year.....	13,832	1,651	15,483

	Adult	Juvenile	Total
Number of volumes of fiction lent for home use.....	19,841	9,797	29,638
Total number of volumes lent for home use.....	25,609	12,429	38,038

Prints, Music rolls	None in library
Music circulation. (Books entirely)	Not separate from rest of 700
Number of borrowers registered in 1926	220 Central library—9 Branch
Total borrowers registered	1673 Central library—55 Branch
Registration period	During life or residence
Number of newspapers, periodicals currently received	68 Central library—7 Branch
Number of persons using reading and reference rooms	11,494 Central Library

Receipts from		Payments for	
Balance (Funds)	\$ 52 22	Books	\$ 544 19
Appropriations	3,825 35	Periodicals	139 67
Endowment Funds.....	1,474 31	Binding	195 40
Dog Tax	305 55	Salaries, library service and janitor service	3,202 52
		Heat.....	412 76
		Light	251 33
		Other maintenance.....	908 00
		Total Maintenance	\$5,653 87
		Balance	3 56
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